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Investigation of Road Board reveals eight alleged violations

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

An investigation conducted by Detective Rich Myers, at the request of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners, revealed at least eight alleged violations of the Open Meetings Act made by the Road Commission for Crawford County.

County Prosecutor John Huss presented the findings during his report to the Board at their September 15 regular meeting. Huss remarked Myers' report compiled from his investigation alleges eight separate violations, occurring from April 1998 through September 1998, with each of the three road commission-

ers allegedly involved in at least one violation of the Act.

The Road Commission board consists of Ray Swiercz, Bob Nelson and Bill Gannon.

Huss said any time two of the commissioners get together and "talk business" they are creating a quorum, thus they are holding a meeting. Unless meetings are posted, the commissioners are in violation of the Act. Other aspects of the Act that Myers' report indicated were allegedly violated were maintaining meetings open to the public and keeping minutes of the meetings — even those in executive session.

According to the Prosecutor,

Myers' investigation included interviews with employees of the Road Commission and a union representative, as well as extensive review of commission records.

Huss advised the County Board should they decide to act on the results of the investigation, charges could be filed against all, two, or just one of the road commissioners. He said the County could also opt to let their appointments run out, then appoint new members or the County could exercise its right to remove all the road commissioners. The option of filing a civil case was discounted by Huss because the allegations have been brought up beyond 180

days of the claimed violations.

The County could bring charges against the Road Board either through the State's Attorney General's office or through Huss' office. Huss said by prosecuting through his office, Road Board members could face conviction on misdemeanor charges and be fined \$1,000 for the first conviction. Or, in the case of a second violation,

each member could be fined \$2,000 and imprisoned for no more than one year. "That option remains open in my office," he said.

But, Huss warned them that if the County takes action to remove the Road Board from their appointed positions and not seek criminal charges, he does not guarantee his office will take legal action.

"If you decide to remove (the road

commissioners)", he said, "as your legal adviser, I will represent this board as I am bound to do." Huss advised the County Board to post a Special Meeting Notice and hand the Road Board a specific list of allegations in this case of "misfeasance."

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Housing Board appointment makes commissioners take a closer look

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Paul Burke of Grayling Township will fill the vacancy left behind when Robert Golnick resigned from the Crawford County Housing Commission in June.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners held off officially appointing Burke until they received a written resignation from Golnick. "It's just good housekeeping," commented Vice Chair Beth Wieland and District 5 Commissioner.

When the appointment came up on the agenda at the Board's September 15 meeting, District 3 Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman remarked, "I have a real problem with making an appointment to any of the commissions. We have no resolutions in place and, when someone messes up at one of the agencies, the taxpayers look at us."

"It is still our job to make these appointments," Wieland said.

"I don't know this man and his application looks good, but has the

Housing Commission even looked at this application?" asked Pinkelman.

County Clerk Sandra Moore advised the Board that applications for board appointments come directly to them for determination. Wieland added that any commission can make a recommendation to the Board if they know of a good candidate to fill a vacancy.

County Chair Lynnette Corlew commented she and the Board are committed to keeping their eyes open to any problems at the Housing Commission. And, she said, with County Controller Paul Compo attending their meetings as the County's liaison, the commissioners are kept up-to-date.

"I've been reporting back to the board what is going on there," Compo said. "More communication needs to be made between the County and all boards."

Pinkelman expressed her concern that the interview process is missing from the equation, even though most applicants supply ample per-

sonal information. In the past, appointments were made after only the County Board's review of applications.

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Housing Board faces another resignation

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

In the aftermath of a county audit, subsequent removal of its director and resignation of long-time board member Robert Golnick, another member has resigned from the Crawford County Housing Commission Board.

Mary Harland resigned from her position with the Housing Commission at their most recent meeting September 15. Later that day, the County Board of Commissioners appointed Paul Burke to fill the seat left vacated by Golnick in June.

In her letter of resignation directed to the Commissioners, Harland cited a conflicting personal schedule and her belief that there is a need for other citizens to serve on the Housing Board as reasons for her decision. On September 20, Harland told County Controller Paul Compo her schedule had become very busy over the last few months.

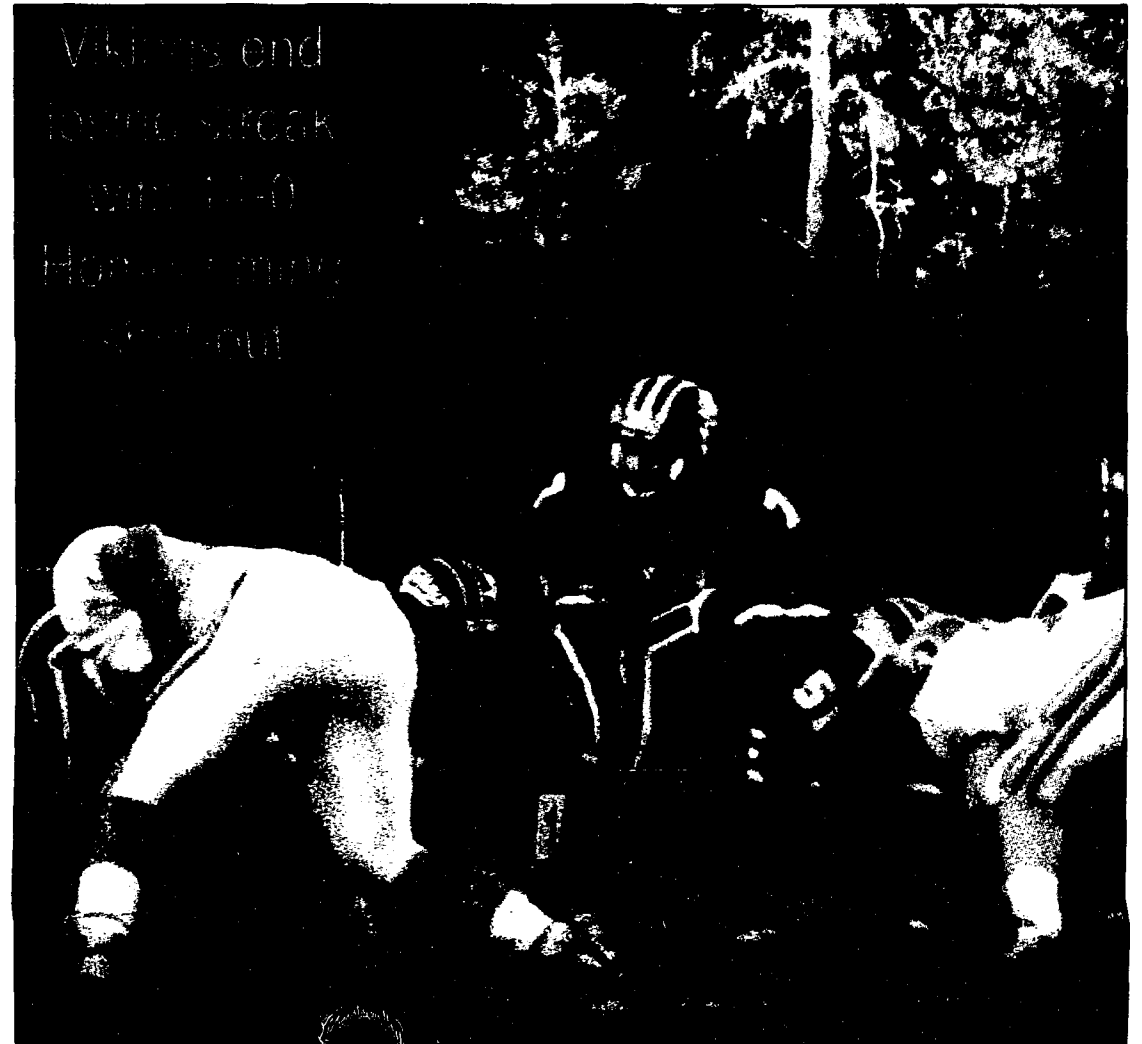
Anyone applying for Harland's seat can expect to take part in the County's new policy of interviewing and providing information to board applicants.

Tragedy cancels Roscommon Homecoming

A Roscommon High School Homecoming Queen candidate lost her life in a tragic traffic accident last Friday afternoon causing the cancellation of all remaining Homecoming activities.

Erica Frydrych, 17, was driving a small pick-up truck on M-18 at about 3:25 p.m. September 17, when she was apparently struck broadside by a larger pick-up and forced into a tree. The truck was reportedly driven by an EMT racing to the scene of another accident.

The accident remains under investigation.



LINING UP -- Viking QB Levi Burkett prepares to take a snap from center Ray Trudgeon in last Friday's homecoming game. For a full story of the game, please see Page 1B. For information on other homecoming week activities, see Page 6B.

Photo by Caleb Casey

Four arrested in high school drug deal

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

Going on two separate tips concerning a drug deal taking place in a boys' bathroom at Grayling High School, Crawford County Sheriff's Deputies arrested four male students September 16 on charges of possession/sale of controlled substances in a "drug-free" school zone.

With the cooperation of officials from the Crawford AuSable School District, the investigation began at about 10 a.m. that day and ran until the close of the school day.

One 17-year old (considered an adult by Michigan law) and three juveniles -- one 16-year old and two 15-year olds -- were taken out of the

school in handcuffs after a search of the students and their lockers produced what deputies suspected was marijuana. The search was conducted with the consent of the boys' parents. The 17-year old is currently lodged in the Crawford County Jail.

According to the school's Juvenile and Liaison Officer Shawn Krayes, the student allegedly selling the marijuana has been suspected of such dealings since the beginning of the school year, but Sheriff David Lovely's department had nothing concrete to go on until last Thursday's tips came in.

None of the suspects have faced any drug possession charges in the past, however two of the students

have been in the juvenile justice system within the last year on truancy violations.

"These arrests bring a pretty clear message that we need to pay closer attention to what our kids are doing," Krayes said.

Although all schools in Michigan are in "drug-free" zones, no signs are posted outside of Grayling High School stating such a zone exists. Krayes said he believes signs could possibly be a deterrent to some who might otherwise bring drugs onto school property.

Krayes called the investigation a "real eye-opener" because these

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Work begins on North Down project

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Work on the North Down River Road reconstruction project has begun.

Last week, workers from H & D Inc. took care of some of the preliminary work, such as clearing and ditching.

"It's made an awful difference already, getting those trees out of there on that curve," said Road Board Chairman Ray Swiercz.

The North Down project, which will repave the road from just east

of the I-75 ramps to past the curve at Wilcox Bridge Road, also includes the clearing work to improve sight distance, guardrail work, and a reworking of the Wilcox/North Down intersection.

Early progress in the project has been slowed due to problems with underground utility lines, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said.

On Thursday, September 16, Babcock reported to the Road Commission Board that delays were caused by a gas line that was sever-

al feet too shallow, and by a buried telephone line that the company said was abandoned. It wasn't, however, and some local residents lost service for a while due to damage to the line, Babcock said.

Pavement-crushing of the existing roadway is expected to begin this week. The pavement will be ground up and packed down to create a stable base, and then paved over.

The entire project is expected to be finished by October 1, Babcock said.

1999 Homecoming King & Queen



VIKING ROYALTY -- Grayling High School seniors Kane Madsen (right) and Krystal Savoy (left) were voted 1999 Homecoming King and Queen by the student body last week during Homecoming week activities.

Photo by Caleb Casey

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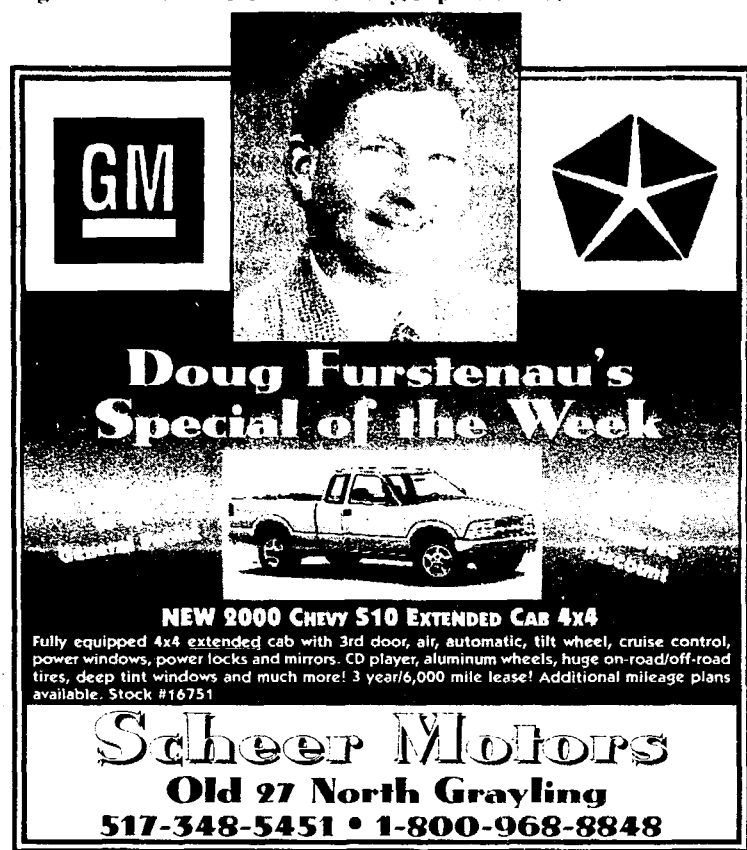
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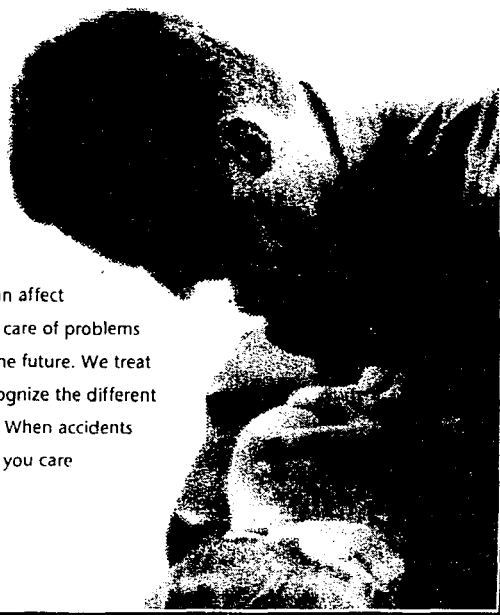
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Road Board approves cost sharing policy

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Crawford County's Road Commissioners approved a policy last week that should change the way townships and the Road Commission plan for local road projects, making the whole process quite a bit simpler.

"I think it's one heck of a good idea the way it's going," said Road Board Vice-Chairman Robert Nelson. "I think we're getting more participation."

The policy, called the "Local Road Cost Sharing Policy" (officially) or the "allocation system," allows for the Road Commission to budget a specific amount of money each year for townships to use in local road projects.

The Road Commission's allocated amounts must be matched 50 percent by the participating township. In the '99-00 Road Commission budget, which the

board approved last week, \$150,000 was included for the allocation system.

According to the policy, each township's share of this figure is calculated "by using the township's population and local road mileage." (See the accompanying chart for specific amounts.)

To make things easier for the townships, the policy allows for carrying over money year to year (up to three years), with the provision that the township earmark the money for a specific project. Also, the Road Commission's engineering department will provide estimates to the townships for projects at no cost, "unless extensive survey work must be done."

Township government can also opt not to use their amount, which according to the policy, would result in that township's share being redistributed among the other townships using the population/miles of

Township Allocation for Fiscal Year '99/00

| Name of Township | Miles of Local Road | Township Population | Township Allocation Amounts |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Beaver Creek | 88 | 1,410 | \$22,425 |
| Frederic | 61 | 1,287 | \$17,775 |
| Grayling | 148 | 5,647 | \$60,900 |
| Lovells | 87 | 420 | \$15,225 |
| Maple Forest | 41 | 417 | \$8,700 |
| South Branch | 108 | 1,378 | \$24,975 |

Note: All figures rounded to the nearest whole.

local road formula.

"I think it's a real good step forward," said Commissioner Nelson of the proposal.

At the Road Commission's

September 16 meeting, Nelson moved to adopt the local road cost sharing policy. Commissioner Bill Gannon seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

Morford reinstated to Chamber seat

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

City Manager Jerry Morford was reinstated as a ex-officio (non-voting) member of the Chamber of Commerce last week, after being considered "resigned" by the Chamber a few weeks ago due to board meeting absences.

On Monday, September 13, the Grayling City Council decided Morford should continue to represent the city on the Chamber Board.

Morford attended the next Chamber Board meeting on Wednesday, September 15, at which Chamber President Monte Burmeister moved to reinstate Morford's ex-officio board member status.

Morford, who is retiring as of October 1, will serve as the city's representative to the Chamber Board until then.

"When I retire I expect the city will choose another member, most likely the next City Manager," Morford said.

Local forestlands spared old tires

LOAD 'EM UP -

Environmental Monitor Pat Merrill (left) and Assistant Zoning Administrator Bruce Leonard (right) help Bruce Levi (center) of Frederic load some old tires onto the truck during Crawford County's first-ever Tire Disposal Day on Saturday, September 11. Merrill reports 362 automobile and eight semi-tractor trailer tires were collected at no cost to the County. Some folks even came from Antrim and Grand Traverse Counties to properly dispose of their old tires.

Photo by Cheryl Rulley



Red Wing Terrace to receive lighting

by Cheryl Rulley
Staff Writer

A public hearing was held September 15 to give residents of Grayling Township's Red Wing Terrace subdivision a chance to air their concerns regarding a special assessment for street lighting in their neighborhood.

Township Supervisor Terry Wright said about 57% of property owners within the special assessment district indicated they were in favor of street lighting.

"Residents in favor of the project gave two reasons why they wanted lighting," said Wright. "There are a lot of children in the neighborhood and parents wanted increased visi-

bility for their safety. And, apparently, there have been some break-ins in the area."

Both sides of the issue were represented by those in attendance at the meeting. However, Wright said, "There was no real opposition to the proposed lighting."

The project will cost \$2,125 to install seven street lights within Red Wing Terrace. According to Wright, 42 property owners will share the cost of the project and pay it off within one year. This amounts to a monthly fee of \$53.20 per property owner.

After the public hearing was closed, the Grayling Township Board of Trustees approved the

lighting project and Wright said the new lights will be installed and turned on "before the snow flies."

New officers elected to Library Board

The Crawford County Library Board electing new officers at their September 14 meeting.

The new board configuration is as follows: President - Terry Wright, Vice President - Sharon Hartman, Secretary - Sandy Briney, Treasurer - Joe Wakeley, and Loretta Hassan, member.

Housing Board appointment makes commissioners take a closer look

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District 6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee agreed. "The interviewing process would be a good procedure for new board applicants."

Burke was appointed by a 5-1 vote, with Pinkelman the dissenting vote. "I just feel blind about these appointments," said Pinkelman. She added that she opposed Burke's appointment solely on the fact that

the County Board seems not to have the authority to make decisions when something goes wrong. "It really is nothing personal against Mr. Burke."

Beardslee then made a motion to allow the County's Personnel Committee to review applications, invite applicants for an interview with the Committee and a representative from the particular board, then make recommendations to the full board for appointments.

The board discussed the merits of the interview process and agreed

many people who apply for board positions are sometimes unaware of the mission or function of some agencies.

"Someone could apply for a board position, go through the interview process, and once they know what they are getting themselves into, may decide it's not for them," remarked Wieland. She said having a representative from the particular board at the interview to explain its function would be very helpful.

The motion was passed unanimously by the commissioners.

Four arrested in high school drug deal

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arrests bring the total of drug-related arrests at the high school to six in the past two weeks.

School Superintendent Kent Reynolds commented, "We have students who use drugs in our high school, just like in other schools across the nation."

"I am very pleased with the quick and non-disruptive action of our school administrators and the work of Shawn Krayes, the school's liaison officer. In the middle of Homecoming activities, priorities were kept. Everyone took the appropriate action to protect the stu-

dents of our high school."

Reynolds said the school board is awaiting completion of the sheriff's investigation and results of the crime lab tests determining the authenticity of the suspected marijuana. The students involved are under suspension until that time and appropriate action will be taken if the drugs are determined to be real.

"Our action as a school district is not dependent on the type of legal action taken against any student," Reynolds said. "Depending on the type of case, the board will take its own appropriate action according to district policy."

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Young fire fighter encourages youths to volunteer

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

Just three years after graduating from Grayling High School, Nicole Rice is a fully certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and the only female fire fighter on the Frederic Township Volunteer Fire Department. And, she just learned last Friday, she is now a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

Rice gives a great amount of credit to Kirtland Community College (KCC). "Kirtland has both an excellent nursing program and an excellent EMT program," she said.

Currently employed as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) at Mercy Manor nursing facility, Rice said she will continue to work in that capacity until a position opens for an LPN. She will also continue to fight fires and perform emergency medical services on a volunteer basis in Frederic.

Only 21 years old now, Rice vol-

unteered for the fire department even before she started fire fighter training in September 1997, after witnessing involvement by close friends in the department. Rice said she finds it very rewarding to help her fellow man through volunteerism.

Rice was trained in Beaver Creek Township, through the Crawford County Fire Fighter Training Council and was certified in June 1998. She then took an EMT class at Kirtland and was granted certification in April 1999.

Rice was in the first ambulance on-scene at the New Year's Eve accident on I-75, near Frederic. She said she felt privileged to be able, at such a young age, to be part of the rescue effort and use her training in such a crisis.

The volunteer said she would like to see "a lot more young people out there volunteering" with fire and rescue. "Talk to your township's fire



Nicole Rice, LPN

department. Find out about training and see how you can help."

W.I.C. food program still going strong after 25 years

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The W.I.C. (Women, Infants and Children) food supplement program is in its 25th year, helping families with their food bill and providing nutritional support.

W.I.C. is administered using federal funding through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and with the help of local agencies such as health departments.

The purpose of the program is to correct or prevent nutritional deficiencies often found in moderate to low-income pregnant, breast-feeding, and postpartum women, infants and children. W.I.C.'s aim is to reduce health risks associated with those deficiencies, pre-term deliveries, and low birth weight babies.

Over the course of 25 years, the USDA has found that for every dollar spent implementing W.I.C.'s prenatal component, \$3 to \$4 has been saved in hospital and Medicaid costs.

W.I.C. is different from the food stamp program because only nutritionally sound foods — those rich in iron, calcium, protein, and vitamins A and C — can be obtained through participation.

Some of the foods included in the W.I.C. program are cereal, juice, milk, iron-fortified infant formula and cereals, cheese, dry beans/peas or peanut butter and eggs. Breast-feeding women can also receive tuna fish and carrots.

The W.I.C. program also provides education in nutrition and breast-

feeding, along with referrals to other health and social services.

Qualified nutritionists review applicants' medical histories, dietary intake or food habits, obtain or review blood work to check for iron deficiencies, and check height and weight measurements of children for growth assessments. This allows the nutritionist to come up with a tailor-made plan for the family.

Women who are pregnant or breast feeding, infants, and children under five years of age are eligible for the program if the family meets W.I.C.'s guidelines. Generally, those with incomes 185% above the poverty level or below will qualify.

For example, a family of four with up to \$30,895 in annual income can qualify for a W.I.C. free food card. A

pregnant woman is counted as one plus the number of infants expected when determining income eligibility.

A family of four with one bottle-fed infant and one pre-school aged child may receive up to \$156 in free food. Glen's Market, Rochette's IGA and North End Grocery in Frederic all accept W.I.C. food cards.

Another \$20 in fresh produce may be obtained through the Project Fresh program. Coupons can be redeemed at Jim's Farm Market.

As of August 31, the Crawford County W.I.C. program had 464 participants: 50 pregnant women, 12 women who were breast feeding, 94 infants and 273 children. Local health department officials reported recently they believe there are many more in the county who could benefit from the program.

For more information on the W.I.C. program, call 1-800-262-4784 or the local health department at 348-7800 or stop by their offices at 202 Meadows Drive in Grayling.

Investigation reveals eight alleged violations

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"They are entitled to a hearing," Huss said, and included the remark that the County Commissioners will act as the judge, jury and executioner by a majority vote of four out of six, then advised them to take action immediately.

County Board members aired their concerns about how their actions may effect Managing Director Don Babcock's job at the Road Commission. At that point in the meeting, County Controller Paul Compo left the room and placed a call to Babcock for the purpose of inviting him into the discussion. It was later learned, after Babcock did not appear, he was advised by legal counsel not to participate in the meeting.

"My view is, once Mr. Babcock came on board, the violations began to cease," Huss said, then indicated sufficient time had passed since Babcock's hiring, therefore he is not in danger of losing his job because of any illegal action by the Road Board.

Huss strongly cautioned the Board to consider their position very carefully. "It is very, very important," Huss said. "You may find yourself embroiled in a fight. Remember, these are only accusations and they are entitled to a hearing."

The Prosecutor advised the Board to talk to Babcock to see how long the Road Commission could function without a Road Board. He told them to consider the effect their actions would have upon the county's citizens if road services were affected.

Huss began winding down his report by saying, "I have been hearing things for two or three years. I have repeatedly told people if you see something wrong, document it and bring it to me."

The County Board appointed Chair Lynnette Corlew and Commissioner Scott Hanson to meet with Huss, Myers and possibly Sheriff David Lovely for the purpose of formulating charges against the Road Board. The charges, if any, would then be considered by the full County Board and a final decision would be made on action to be taken.

"By what I have seen in this report," said Vice Chair Beth Wieland, "we would not be doing our job if we didn't pursue this."

A motion was brought forward for the County Board to proceed in

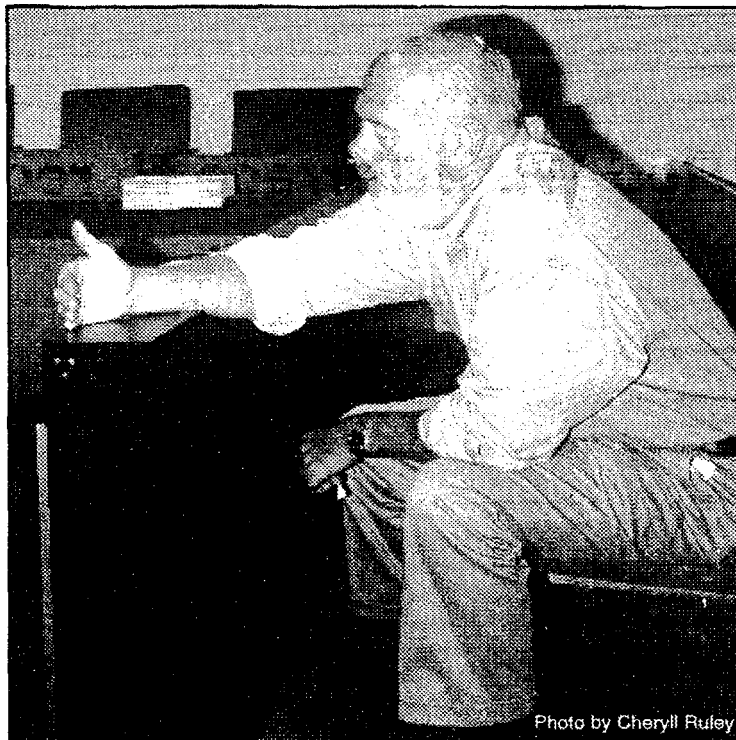


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LEGAL ADVICE — Crawford County Prosecutor John Huss discusses the investigation of the Road Board with the County Board and possible legal actions if allegations prove true.

the matter and to hold a special meeting October 18 at 10 a.m. for the purpose of presenting their allegations to the Road Board.

Commissioner Terry Beardslee requested his fellow board members allow him to abstain from any vote pertaining to the allegations against the Road Commission. Beardslee cited his long-standing and pending lawsuit against them regarding alleged violations of his property owners' rights as the reason for his request.

The Board voted 5-1, granting Beardslee an abstention, with Commissioner Shelley Pinkelman in opposition. Pinkelman later commented she feels the Board should stick together and be unified in the matter, though she understands Beardslee's predicament.

The commissioners went on to vote 5-0, with one abstention, to proceed in the matter of alleged Road Board violations and to hold a special meeting October 18, prior to Committee meetings, re-scheduled by full Board approval, from October 14.

Beardslee thanked the Board for allowing him to abstain and said, "The lawsuit has not been dismissed yet. I have lost a lot of money in the case. I don't want to give anyone the idea there is some kind of personal vendetta here."

After Beardslee made his explanation, the Board voted and agreed to consider the issue of an abstaining vote for Beardslee each time an issue regarding the Road Board is presented for a vote. Previously, Beardslee requested and the Board approved his removal as their liaison to the Road Commission until the lawsuit is settled.

Corlew remarked on September 20, five days after the decision was made to proceed, "We're all accountable... especially when it comes to the Open Meetings Act."

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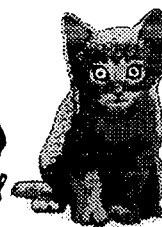
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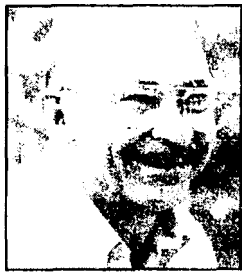
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Abraham leads; no, it's Stabenow

THE WONDERS of political polling never cease to amaze and amuse grizzled old politics watchers such as *The Almanack*.

Take the featured race in Michigan's 2000 general election, for example.

It will feature first term U.S. Sen. Spencer Abraham, a Republican, fighting to hang on to his prestigious seat against second term U.S. Rep. Debbie Stabenow, who heads a united Democratic Party effort to boot him out.

In 1994, when former Sen. Don Riegle, Democrat, declined to run again, Sen. Abraham bested then-U.S. Rep. Bob Carr in a rough and tumble campaign.

Loser Carr at the time held the congressional seat Ms. Stabenow occupies, while winner Abraham was a party activist who had not held elective office.

National Democrats view the Abraham seat as vulnerable, and are involved in the Stabenow campaign up to their armpits. Conceivably, control of the U.S. Senate could ride on the outcome.

So how do things look in Autumn 1999 -- 13 months or so before the election?

IT'S CLOSE -- so close, in fact, that two statewide

polls, conducted in recent days by usually reliable pollsters, provide opposite conclusions.

There's *The Detroit News* poll, run by Mitchell Research of East Lansing, showing Sen. Abraham ahead 44 - 37 percent, with 19 percent undecided.

Then there's the poll conducted for *Inside Michigan Politics*, a capital newsletter, with Rep. Stabenow ahead 43 - 36 percent, and 21 percent undecided.

Why the difference? Unless one knows all the details of the specific polling, it's difficult to say.

Partisan bias of the pollsters is definitely out. Both have a Republican aura.

THE PRO-ABRAHAM poll was run by Mitchell Research, which does a lot of political and market polling for *The Detroit News*. The firm is headed by Steve Mitchell, previously a staff member for various Republican candidates and office holders.

The pro-Stabenow poll came from Bill Ballenger, publisher of *Inside Michigan Politics* and a former state legislator, candidate for both U.S. House and Senate, and administrative appointee -- all on the Republican side of the political ledger.

At this point in the Senate race, which candidate has 44 percent and which has 37 percent is not too important. These diverse polls mean only that the race is very tight at this point and too close to predict.

The key to the Abraham-Stabenow result will be those 19 - 21 percent undecided, which may increase as the campaign unfolds.

The makeup of Michigan politics is that about one-third of voters consistently vote for Democrats, another one-third consistently vote for Republicans, and the final one-third split their tickets, or switch from side to side.

That final third controls Michigan elections. They are the target of any statewide campaign.

Both polls agree: A large number of voters have not yet made up their minds about Sen. Spencer Abraham and Rep. Debbie Stabenow.

It's anybody's race to win or lose.

RARE SPECTACLE -- A rare political sight lurched into the open at the recent Republican Conference at Mackinac Island.

Michigan Gov. John Engler stepped out of political

sync with the outrageously rich and politically generous and powerful DeVos family over the school voucher referendum.

Dick DeVos of Amway fame heads the drive for school vouchers in Michigan. His wife, Betsy DeVos, is chair of the Michigan Republican Party and longtime Engler ally.

Mr. Engler, who has long favored school choice, claims the voucher referendum "has no hope of passing" and he won't lift a finger to help it.

Dick DeVos disagreed, saying "this is a winnable issue" and plans to plow ahead. The Republican Issues Committee endorsed vouchers, and the Republican State Committee is expected to do the same.

While Mr. Engler said he won't endorse the voucher vote, if it gets on the ballot he probably won't oppose it either.

There is a distinct difference, but the governor has managed to blur the picture considerably.

Richard Milliman is a veteran newspaperman and a contributing columnist to several Michigan newspapers.

HEALTHLINE

by Linda DeMarchis, M.A.,
Health Educator

Question: My daughter will be in the first grade this year and wants me to pack her lunch everyday. How much should I worry about food spoilage if I do this? Her lunch will either be traveling on the bus or sitting in her classroom for four hours before she eats it. What type of lunch foods are a concern? What kinds of things don't I need to be concerned about?

Signed: First grader's Mom.
Answer: When packing school lunches a few precautions should be followed. The reason for this is simple: bacteria in foods can multiply quickly and reach dangerous levels quickly when these items are left at room temperature. The trick is to know which foods need to be kept cold and take care to keep them that way.

Some foods that need to be kept cold in your child's lunch include:

- Any sandwiches containing meat or poultry
- Tuna and egg salad either alone or in a sandwich
- Milk, cheese, yogurt
- Opened containers of fruit or pudding
- Peeled or cut up fruits and vegetables

To keep these items cold you will

need to purchase an insulated lunch bag with a frozen gel pack or other cold source. Other options are packing a frozen juice box right in the lunch kit. Some sandwiches that freeze well can be frozen the night before and packed that morning. This should keep them safe and cold.

If you don't have an insulated lunch kit with a cold source, stick to foods that don't need to be kept cold. Some suggestions might be:

- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Unopened small snack sizes of fruit and pudding
- Commercially dried fruit or boxes of raisins
- Firm, fresh whole fruits such as bananas or apples
- Fruit filled pastries or granola bars
- Small bags of pretzels or peanuts
- Individual cereal boxes
- Crackers and non-refrigerated processed cheese spreads found in the grocery snack section

Be inventive when packing lunches and vary the menu to keep your child's interest.

But, most importantly, remember not only good nutrition but also food safety.

Wash your hands, have clean cutting surfaces and utensils, and keep the necessary lunch foods cold.

VIEWPOINT

Greater commitment to local roads needed

Submitted by the Public Act 51 Study Committee

Members of the Public Act 51 Study Committee Information Panel presented their recommendations today to the Public Act 51 Study Committee. The County Road Association of Michigan, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Farm Bureau, Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Public Transit Association and the Transportation Planning Directors' Association presented 15 points for the Study Committee's consideration as they review the funding formula in Public Act 51.

These six agencies represent community transportation authorities and those who have a vested interest in the quality of our local roads. Together they make up the Community Transportation Coalition (CTC). "We are proud to be a part of this coalition that includes representatives from public transit, local elected officials, the agricultural industry and local road agencies," said Jim Curran of the Michigan Public Transit Association. "While we each come from different backgrounds and represent different transportation needs, we each wholeheartedly support local control and adequate funding for community transportation issues."

"All roads in Michigan are equally important, from the highways to the local roads that make it possible for traffic to get to and from work, school, home and the state highway system," said John Niemela, County Road Association of Michigan Director. "Local road decisions are best made by local road professionals, and Michigan's local transportation authorities have proven to be productive, efficient agencies that stay current on road maintenance technologies."

Dan Gilmartin, director of state and federal affairs for the Michigan Municipal League agreed. "Local road agencies are the most effective way of distributing, managing and utilizing local road funds. Michigan's road fund distribution formula needs to ensure an adequate distribution of road money to local agencies to maintain a safe and effi-

Public Act 51 Funding Distribution Recommendations:

1. **Recognize that all roads are equally important.** Businesses, motorists and transit alike rely on both state and local roads.
2. **Conduct a needs study.** It is impossible to prioritize road improvement projects without a baseline assessment of current road conditions.
3. **Continue the cooperative review of road functional classification and jurisdiction.** Changes in functional classification or jurisdiction should be made where needed, on a road-by-road basis.
4. **While the committee was established to address the road funding distribution formula, it must also consider the adequacy of current road funding levels to address road needs.** To achieve a complete solution, the adequacy of funds to "keep [roads] in reasonable repair, so that they are reasonably safe and convenient for public travel," as mandated by state statute, must also be reviewed.
5. **Continue the current Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) distribution formula of 39.1 percent state, 39.1 percent county, 21.8 percent city and village.** Without a comprehensive, statewide needs study including all roads, there is no objective analysis upon which a change could be based or justified.
6. **Ensure that a minimum of 25**

cient local transportation system."

Currently state revenue collected from state fuel taxes, vehicle registration fees and other sources, is deposited in the Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) Public Act 51 (PA 51) governs the distribution of these funds. However, the distribution formula for PA 51 sunsets on September 30, 2000. The PA 51 Study Committee has been assembled and charged with reviewing PA 51, issuing a report on their findings, and submitting recommendations on the distribution formula. Michigan has the nation's sev-

percent of federal funds goes to local road agencies. Through rigorous scrutiny by the state Legislature and others, it has been repeatedly determined that at least one quarter of federal road funds is necessary to construct and maintain safe and convenient local roads in Michigan.

7. **Allocate a full 10 percent of MTF funds to the Comprehensive Transportation Fund, which supports public transportation, and increase public transit's share of the automobile sales tax.** Public transportation is a vital link in maintaining and promoting the economic well being of our communities.

8. **Eliminate non-road-related earmarked administrative funding and off-the-top state debt service from the MTF.** Over the years, various administrative deductions (such as to the Secretary of State) have reduced the amount of money directly serving Michigan roads.

9. **Reduce local road funding use restrictions.** If restrictions on the use of MTF funds were removed, local government and road agencies could better serve the motoring public (i.e. 90 percent of MTF monies must be spent solely on road maintenance).

10. **Dedicate more funds to local bridges.** Additional funds are required to bring all bridges that are in great need of repair up to acceptable condition.

11. **Encourage the programming and funding of appropriate road**

projects in conjunction with community zoning and land use planning. New development impacts existing infrastructure and should pay for its share of road maintenance costs.

12. **Provide townships with a role in road decisions.** While many Michigan townships enjoy an active role in county-level road decisions, a process should be established to ensure this participation in all counties and at the state level for townships with state highways.

13. **Increase local road agencies' involvement in MTF administration.** All recipients of MTF funds should have the opportunity to participate in the administrative decisions affecting these funds.

14. **If the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) changes state highway maintenance from an actual cost program to a bid program, it must allow local road agencies into the bidding process.** In many cases, local road agencies can provide higher quality services more cost effectively than the private sector. Currently sixty-five county road commissions and several cities contract with MDOT at actual cost of work performed and save valuable fuel tax dollars.

15. **Increase the diesel tax rate.** (This concept is not supported in current Farm Bureau policy). It is only fair that cars and non-commercial trucks with diesel engines pay the same fuel tax rate as cars and trucks with gasoline engines.

ent-highest road system. The counties, cities and villages are responsible for the 92 percent of Michigan's road and bridge system, totaling more than 108,000 miles. The state is responsible for 8 percent of

Michigan's road and bridge system, or 9,600 miles. With the limited amount of money available for Michigan's roads and bridges, wise distribution of the MTF becomes critical.

Historically speaking...



BERRY PICKERS -- Shown here, in a picture submitted by Wesley Smith, are members of the Van Amburgh family enjoying a day of berry picking on the south side of Grayling.

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BRIEFS

Michelson hosts annual Harvest Dinner

The Annual Harvest Dinner will be held September 23 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church, on Michigan Avenue in Grayling. A complete holiday dinner will be served from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., including roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, and choice of pies served family style. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$3 for children ages four to 12 - children three years old and younger eat free. Tickets will be on sale the night of the dinner. Carry-out dinners will be available from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. only. Use the far Spruce Street entrance for pick-up. Advance calls for carry-outs to 348-2974 are appreciated, but not necessary.

City to hold open house for Morford

Grayling City Hall will hold an open house on Monday, September 27, from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. for any citizens wishing to thank and congratulate Jerry Morford on his retirement from his position as Grayling City Manager after 27 years of service.

Community Outreach planned at GHS

A Community Outreach presented by the Grayling Assembly of God will be held Friday, September 24 in the Grayling High School auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. The program includes Bay Forrest, former NBA starting forward for the Phoenix Suns. Also appearing will be David T. Grout, dramatic artist, and Kirk Mortensen, former lead singer and guitarist for a heavy metal band. Admission is free.

Barbershop quartets compete at benefit

The Gaylord Chapter of the Harmonie Meisters all-male barbershop chorus is hosting Bush League '99, a day-long competition and evening gala performance Saturday, September 25 at the Evangelical Free Church in Gaylord. Competition runs from 1:30 p.m., followed by a performance of winners and well-known groups at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and includes both events. Tickets can be purchased at the church located at 1649 M32 East, the Gaylord Glen's Market, and Saturn Booksellers. For more information, call Al Glasby at (231) 546-3889.

White Tail rabbit breeders to compete

The White Tail Rabbit Breeders Association will hold their 10th annual show in Gaylord, on Saturday, September 25. Over 100 head of quality animals are expected to compete at the Otsego County Fairgrounds. Judging begins at 9 a.m. The show is expected to last until about 5 p.m., depending on the amount of entries.

Seminar on employment law offered

The law firm of Faulkner and Williams, P.C. will host a complimentary seminar on Friday, September 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at the Marsh Ridge Resort, 4815 Old 27 South in Gaylord. The topics of discussion include: Recent Development in Employment Law, Worker's Compensation, and the Americans With Disabilities Act. Anyone wishing to attend should call Faulkner and Williams at (231) 941-9280.

Free youth hunting licenses offered

The Crawford/Roscommon Chapter of Whitetails Unlimited is offering free hunting licenses to local youth ages 12-15. Young hunters applying for the free licenses must be Roscommon or Crawford County residents. Money for the program was raised through the Chapter's annual banquet in April, which raised nearly \$2,000. The free license program will last only as long as the money does. For an application, or for more information, call Dan Hagle at (517) 275-8341.

Club offers Hunters Safety Classes

The Camp Grayling Conservation Club is offering Hunters Safety Classes September 23-24, from 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and September 25, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Students must be 12 years old by September 31, 1999 and the class is limited to 30. To register, call Dennis at (517) 348-4038 daytime or (517) 348-7432 after 5 p.m.

NCCMH offers free conference on seasonal grief, depression

North Central Community Mental Health is teaming up with Mercy Hospital to provide a free conference for community members on grief and depression. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 7, to coincide with National Depression Screening Day.

"Fall is traditionally a time when many people become depressed. Changing colors, falling leaves and the harvest season all signal the end of summer and remind us of the long winter ahead," says North Central CMH Supervisor of Access and Emergency Services Linda Rouker, MSW, CSW, ACSW. "We find that fall is a good time to help teach people how to watch for the signs of depression. We're offering this conference to help people learn about depression, including its signs and signals, and what to do before the feelings become severe."

The conference format will feature a presentation by John Schneider, Ph.D., from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. followed by an opportunity to peruse informational handouts and fill out a depression screening questionnaire. Mental health professionals will be on hand to score the screening questionnaire and answer questions.

Dr. Schneider's presentation will focus on helping people who have been going through life changes

(and those concerned about them) to know if they are depressed or grieving. Dr. Schneider has extensive experience in helping to set up cancer counseling, hospice and pain management centers. He consults in Denmark, conducting programs for political torture refugees, and also consults with a Victim Intervention Program in St. Paul, Minnesota that deals with homicide survivors. In addition, he helped to start INTEGRA, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote research and understanding of grief as a transformative process. His work on grief includes the development of a self-assessment tool to measure normal and transformative grief. This *Response to Loss Inventory* is used by psychotherapists, homicide and suicide survivors, people with chronic and life-threatening illnesses, bereaved parents, hospice bereavement services and people recovering from divorce.

The conference will be held at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center (Lake Superior Room) in Cadillac. Refreshments will be available.

People interested in attending the workshop should reserve their place by calling North Central CMH's Alpha Center at 1-800-49-ALPHA or Mercy Hospital at 1-888-876-1895.

Hard work pays off for Class of 2001



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

WORK IN PROGRESS - Grayling High School junior Jessica Holzbauer is quite skillful with a drill while creating tree trunks as part of a spooky forest that won her class first place in the Homecoming week hall decorating contest.

Wellington farmers to demonstrate threshing

Providing the weather cooperates, workers and staff of Wellington Farm Park will roll the big Minneapolis threshing machine out of the shed one last time for the season on Saturday, September 25.

At 2 p.m., the remainder of the farm's oat crop will be run through the thresher. Should there be rain on that day, the threshing will be completed on Sunday. In addition to the threshing, the park's sawmill will also be in operation.

Beginning October 9, Wellington Farm Park will begin their annual celebration of the fall season with Pumpkinfest. Every weekend will be packed with activities which include free hayrides, the cider mill will be in operation, the Farm market will be fully stocked with fall fruits and decorations.

Throughout the park, many demonstrations will be taking place. There will be jelly making, apple butter making and on at least one weekend, an attempt will be made to make apple molasses. The sawmill will run on a regular schedule and, on at least one weekend, the corn shredder will be placed into operation.

Once again this year, Wellington Farm Park will offer special Halloween Hayrides on the evenings of October 22, 23, 29 and 30. There will be four hay rides each evening,

beginning at 6:30 p.m. It is recommended that reservations be made for the hayrides. Hay rides are \$3 per person.

Wellington Farm Park is located southwest of Grayling on Military Road with close and easy access to both I-75 and US-27. For more information, call 1-888-653-3276 or e-mail to: howard@freeway.net.

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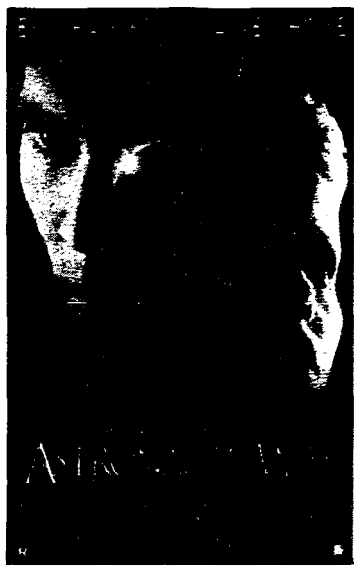
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Child Euthanasia

The Netherlands plans to legalize mercy killings for children as young as 12 years of age. One of the most liberal countries in the world which has already legalized drugs, prostitution and euthanasia is considering a bill which proposes immunity from criminal prosecution for doctors who perform euthanasia on young children. Even if the parents or guardian do not agree, the bill would authorize doctors to perform euthanasia under certain circumstances at only the child's request. Child rights would be expanded for the child to kill her own baby without her parents consent, to the right to suicide. The bill would also recognize for the first time written requests to die.

The Voluntary Euthanasia (NVVE) and the Royal Dutch Medical Association (KNMG) welcomed the liberal Dutch policy which cleared up some legal gray areas. The main vocal opposition to the legislation is expected from the Christian Democrats and small Calvinist parties.

Will the only sacred life in the Netherlands be limited to children from birth to 11 years of age? And which group will be targeted next? In the case of a national crisis over food or limited medical facilities, will the government take action against the "useless eaters" as Hitler did? Life is a basic human right.

Once it is sacrificed in one area, it becomes less sacred in all others.

Jesus Christ said in Matthew 19:18: "Thou shalt do no murder." This is the meaning of God's law in Exodus 20:13 and Deuteronomy 5:17: "Thou shalt not kill." Governments were instituted in the Old Testament to protect this unalienable right from God. (Genesis 9:5-6) "And surely your blood of your lives will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it, and at the hand of man; at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. (6) Whoso shed man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God made he man."

This is the foundation for government in the New Testament also. (Romans 13:1-4) "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. (2) Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. (3) For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same; (4) For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil."

(Malachi 3:15) "And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are set up; yea, they that tempt God are even delivered." (Isaiah 5:20) "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Proverbs 17:15) "He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD." (Revelation 22:20) "... Even so, come, Lord Jesus!"

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Traditional values topic of presentation

A somewhat different kind of message will be delivered in Gaylord called *The Greatest Story Never Told*.

James Muffett, President of Foundation for Traditional Values, will speak of the importance of faith and the Judeo-Christian tradition in America.

"In God We Trust" shines on our

Gospel Choir to perform

The Gospel Choir from Flint will perform at the St. Francis Episcopal Church, at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 26.

The choir will celebrate their ministry through their gift of music and everyone is invited to attend.

St. Francis Episcopal Church is located at 6441 West M-72, just west of Grayling.

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coins, but not in our schools and our culture," declares Muffett, who founded the Lansing-based organization in 1992. "Today, some might call us 'politically incorrect' in our view that truth is not relative and that the Ten Commandments, the Bible and traditional values are what made America great and will keep it great."

Muffett added, "But we believe that without knowledge of and adherence to our founding principles, our society will degenerate into

a moral abyss, which will eventually undermine our freedoms."

Local pastors and other community leaders have assisted in the planning of the Monday evening event, which will be held October 4 at the Gaylord Evangelical Free Church, beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

For more information, contact Foundation for Traditional Values, toll free, at 1-877-464-6388. Or e-mail your question or comments to: GOFTV@aol.com

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Special thought for your week ahead: Some people treat obstacles as stumbling blocks, others treat them as stepping stones.

Things that are happening at the center:

September 23 - Blood pressures and sugars taken.

September 24 - Pantry Bingo, 1 p.m.; SHARE pickup at RLDS Church, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

September 26 - Sunday Potluck, 2 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your own tableware.

September 27 - Hangman, 5:30 p.m.

September 28 - Euchre, 1 p.m.;

Trivia, 5:30 p.m.

Meals are available at noon, Monday through Friday and at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

September Menu: Lunch/Dinner 22 - BBQ Chicken/Pepper Steak 23 - Salisbury Steak/Baked Ham 24 - BBQ Beef/no dinner 27 - Pork Chops/Spaghetti and Meatballs 28 - Kielbasa Baked Dinner/Beef Stew

29 - Salmon Patties/Veal Parmesan 30 - BBQ Chicken/Macaroni and cheese and hot dogs.

October Menu: Lunch/Dinner 1 - Brown Steak/no dinner

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A BETTER VIEW



When did you last wash your windows? If the answer is "I don't remember," you are in the majority. Living busy lives, window washing is something we put off "til later."

We become used to looking through cloudy panes, hardly noticing the dingy view. Finally, we tackle the windows. There is usually a reason. Perhaps the inlaws are coming for a visit. In any event, as the clear panes sparkle and the light streams in, we realize just how long we have lived in darkness without having known it. We just got used to it.

We can also become used to living in the darkness of the spirit, going on with our busy lives, not really happy and not knowing why. You don't have to get used to it!

Don't put your spiritual life off "til later." David prayed in Psalm 51:10... "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me." Worship God this week. You will see things more clearly with God in view.

Sunday Psalm 119:1-24 Monday Psalm 119:25-48 Tuesday Psalm 119:49-72 Wednesday Psalm 119:73-96 Thursday Psalm 119:97-120 Friday Psalm 119:121-144 Saturday Psalm 119:145-176

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Crawford County continues to enjoy gains in tourism

by Dan DeCapua
Capital News Service

Whether it was canoeing, camping or a good meal they sought, tourists flocked to Crawford County over the summer - and the fall may provide an encore for area businesses.

Record numbers of travelers visited the state, according to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, and that proved true in Crawford County.

"We thought it couldn't get any better than the summer of '98, but from what we're hearing from our partners in the industry, it did," said Susan Avery, vice president of Travel Michigan, the state's tourism agency.

Local business owners credit good weather and a strong economy for the increase in tourism.

Steve Southard, owner of Ray's AuSable and Manistee Canoeing, said his business rose during the last two years. "It was a good summer along with last summer. The weather cooperated and the economy is good."

June through September are the most important months of the tourist season for Crawford County, when travelers spend the bulk of their \$42 million locally, according to a report by the Travel, Tourism and Recreation Resource Center at

Michigan State University.

Much of the tourism boost has come from out-of-staters.

Cynthia Snyder of Travel Michigan contends that's due to extensive promotions in Chicago, Cleveland, Minneapolis, Toronto and southwest Ontario. "Our tourism campaign has people putting Michigan in the forefront of their minds when planning a vacation," she said. "The advertising and public relations efforts are really starting to pay off."

Travel Michigan already has counted a 34-percent increase in visitors from the Chicago area this tourist season.

Local restaurant owners also claim a great summer.

"There's been a lot of nice weather and it's been a good summer for people to be out and about," said Debbie Stevens, co-owner of Stevens Family Circle, who also reported an increase in out-of-town diners.

Jerry Elekonich, whose wife Denise owns Buccilli's Pizza, also saw an increase in business. "We've had quite a few out-of-towners, along with many return customers."

Travel Michigan doesn't expect things to slow down this fall. If the conditions are right, Avery predicts the state will be "the place to be for great fall color this year."

New sign put up at GES

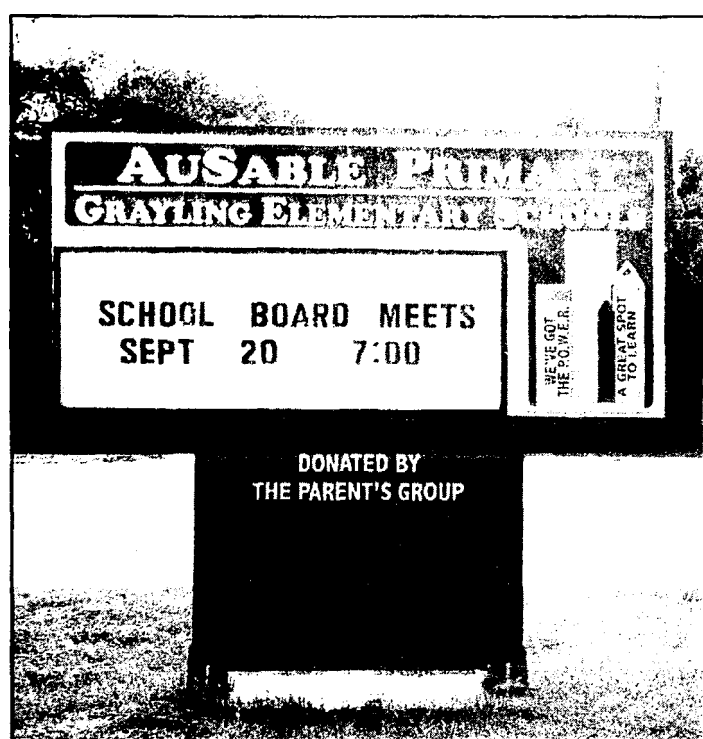


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NEW SIGN -- This sign, erected this past summer in front of GES, was a gift from the Parent's Group for Grayling Elementary and AuSable Primary. The sign, which features changeable letters and lights, cost the group \$5,000. The money was raised through a spring fundraiser organized by the Parent's Group, which involved students from both schools selling candy and flower bulbs. Money from the fundraiser was also used to purchase new microscopes for the schools, and new playground equipment.

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Northern Michigan's fall color show begins

It's that time of year when the trees begin to show their true colors - from gold to bronze, from emerald to ruby, the fabulous fall color show is starting.

There are two suggested tours from Grayling. The first tour, begins in Grayling and heads west on M-72 to Kalkaska, where there are a few places that shouldn't be missed. Check out the Skegmog Swamp Pathway in Kalkaska. While walking on the boardwalk, seven miles west of Kalkaska, keep an eye out for sunning Massasauga rattlers, Michigan's only poisonous snake.

Another highlight near Kalkaska is the Sand Lakes Quiet Area which has an extensive walking trail system lacing part of the Pere Marquette State Forest just west of

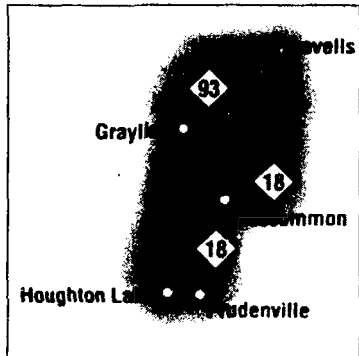
the town. Motorized traffic is prohibited but bikes and horses are allowed.

After checking out the attractions near Kalkaska head east on County Road 612 past Manistee Lake, through Frederic to I-75 south. At exit 259 check out Hartwick Pines State Park which provides 49 acres of virgin pine forest, a replica 1800's logging camp and a working steam-powered sawmill.

Head back to Grayling where you will find the Beal Plantation, planted in 1888. It is believed to be the oldest documented tree plantation in North America. There are five acres remaining near the Grayling industrial park.

The second tour starts on I-75 north to M-93 (exit 259), north past Hartwick Pines State Park. Then head east on County Road 612 to

Lovells, south on County Road F-97, south on M-18 through Roscommon. Then head east on M-



Prudenville, a foot trail along the north side of the dam provides a peaceful walk through forest, wildlife openings and along the lake.

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Michigan Maple producers offer syrupy tour

The annual, statewide fall tour for Michigan maple syrup producers will be held on Saturday, September 25 in the West Branch-Rose City area.

This tour is being co-sponsored by the Michigan Maple Syrup Association and MSU Extension. Participating area maple syrup producers will open up their sugarhouses and sugarbushes for tours.

During the daylong program, four different maple syrup operations will be toured. These operations vary in size from a hobby-sized 95-tap operation to a 2,000-tap commercial operation.

The owners of these operations

will explain how they collect, process and package their syrup and answer questions from people in attendance. Producers from across the state will be in attendance at this fall tour.

In addition to the tour, the Michigan Maple Syrup Association will hold a short business meeting after the luncheon.

The cost to attend this program is \$18 per adult and \$5 per child, under age 15. The covers the cost of lunch and other meeting arrangements.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. and the first tour starts at 9:30 a.m. Both registration and the first tour will take place at Ron Thomas' Pure

Maple Syrup operation on Campbell Road. Participants who wish to pre-register can contact Larry Haigh, MMSA Treasurer at (616) 763-3107.

To get to the first tour stop, turn west onto Peters Road (approximately three miles north of the M-55 and M-33 intersection). At the first stop sign on Peters Road, turn north onto Campbell Road and follow the signs at the top of the hill.

Directions to the other tour stops will be provided as people register for the program and luncheon.

For more information about this program, please contact the Crawford County MSU Extension office at 344-3264.

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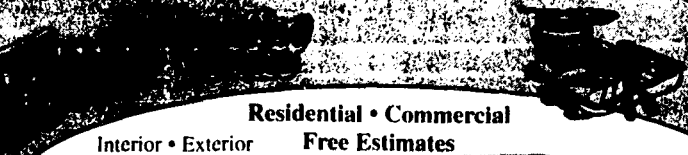


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Property owners rights topic of symposium

With former State Representative Allen Lowe serving as moderator, the Rights Alliance of Michigan will be holding its annual symposium at Treetops Resort in Gaylord on Saturday, September 25.

Featured speakers will be nationally known attorney Nels Ackerson from Washington, D. C. who specializes in cases regarding property rights issues across the country and Dick Welsh, Executive Director of The National Association of Reversionary Property Owners (NARPO).

Both featured speakers have a wealth of information and experience in dealing with a wide variety of property rights issues that affect citizens of this state. Other speakers include Ed McNeely, Kathy Stupak-Thrall and Steve Dresch.

The one-day convention at the resort will begin at 9:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. with registration beginning at 8:45 a.m. In addition to the featured speakers there will be other presentations which focus on the issues that affect many landowners in today's society.

The purpose of the convention is to bring together people who are concerned about losing their property or the rights of privacy as affected by activities near their property. Attention will include the loss of rights to citizens caused by land, water, and air activities by government or private organizations. Railroad right of ways and the Rails-to-Trails effort will be highlighted along with the natural rivers issue.

The Rights Alliance of Michigan is a non-profit corporation consisting of hundreds of members from throughout the state who have been concerned with the encroachment of

activities upon their private lands, waters, and air space.

The Alliance has chosen these featured speakers because of their knowledge and involvement in many national cases where landowners have won their rights to control activities on or near their properties.

Recently landowners in Indiana won nearly \$200 million in a case regarding the use of railroad right-of-ways for fiber optics.

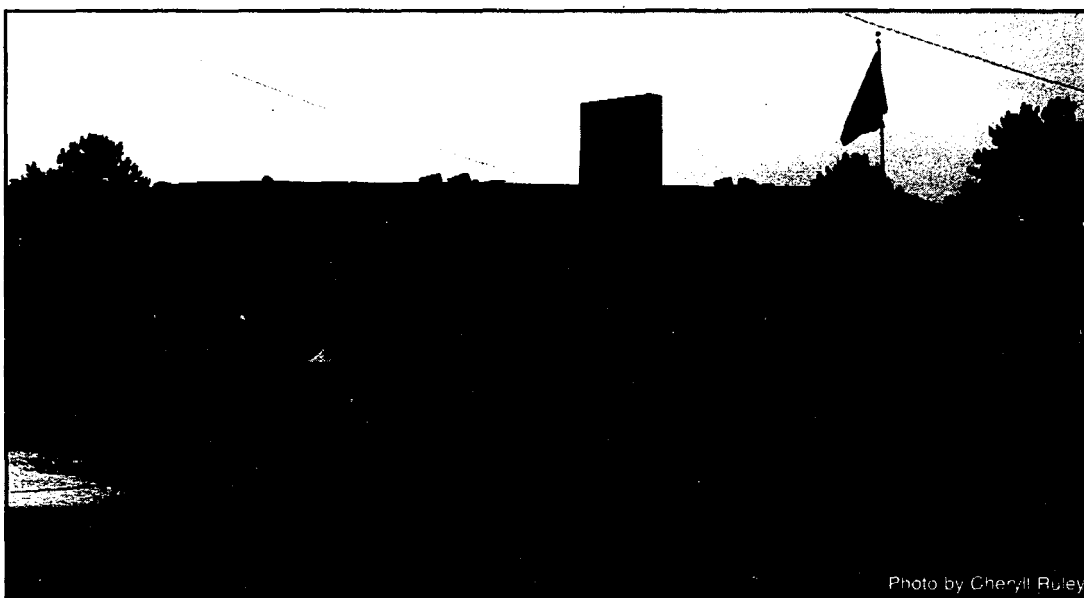
People interested in attending this one day event or receiving more information about the organization can contact the Alliance at: Rights Alliance of Michigan, PMB 210 P.O. Box 1200, Alpena, MI 49707.

Individuals from local government units who are interested in preserving property rights of their local citizens are especially encouraged to attend. Property rights have been gaining much attention in recent years at local, state, and

Congressional levels as citizens find more and more of their rights being lost.

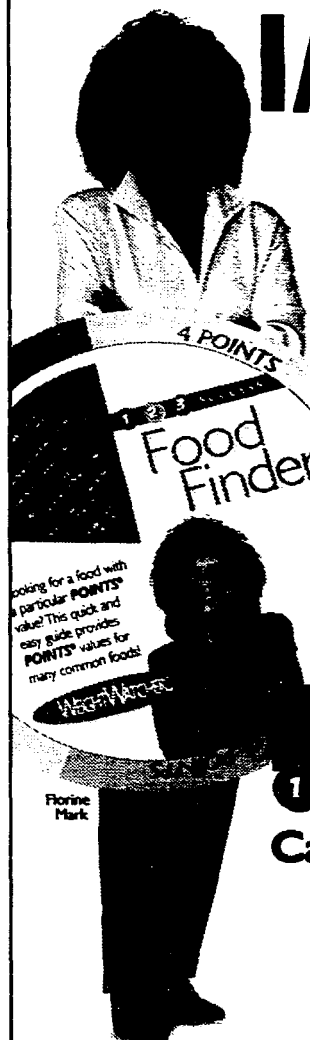
Crawford County District 6 Commissioner Terry Beardslee, who is currently fighting for his rights as a property owner in a lawsuit against the Road Commission for Crawford County, will be attending the symposium and will include issues covered at the symposium to the full board at their next regular meeting in October.

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Sarah wore a full-length white satin dress with a top formfitting crossover design on the front and back detailed with pearls. The dress was short sleeved with miniature bows and drop pearls on the sides and the train spread out displaying three levels with a bow and pearls at each level. Her matching veil was also decorated with pearls and miniature bow on the back. Sarah carried a bouquet of pink and white roses. The groom wore a dark grey tuxedo with tails with a black vest and bow tie.

Mandee Mlcek, sister of the bride, was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Sarah Tarsa and Simone Hotchkiss, friends of the bride and Kelly Timm, cousin of the bride.

Mike Bergman, friend of the groom was the best man. Groomsmen included Ryan Hills, brother of the groom, Dennis Melchi and Chuck Neal, also friends of the groom.

The bridesmaids wore teal-length teal dresses with an open back and carried one long stemmed pink rose. The groomsmen were attired in dark grey tuxedos with tails and teal paisley vests and bow ties to match the bridesmaids.

Sarah is the daughter of Jerry and Dee Mlcek of Grayling. Joe is the son of Robert Hills of Flower Mound, Texas, and Garry and Beth Howell of Elkhart, Indiana.

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GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Grayling City Police Department from September 12 through September 18:

Four false alarms; one felony arrest; two misdemeanor arrests, one assault; six assists to other departments; 19 check law violations; six city ordinance violations; two civil complaints, one juvenile complaint, two larcenies, two suspicious situations, one private property accident, one civil infraction citation, three traffic control complaints, and 14 miscellaneous complaints.

A total of 65 complaints were handled by the Grayling City Police Department during the one-week period.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following complaints were received by the Crawford County Sheriff's Department from September 13-20:

One assault; one burglary; four larceny; one stolen property; two property damage; four controlled substances; three public peace; one OUIL/OUID; ten health and safety (nine of which were animal control); three minors; 11 accidents; one traffic safety; one false alarm; two hazardous conditions; six accident- other; one civil/family trouble; five suspicious situation; two missing

OBITUARIES

Constance G. Allen

Constance (Connie) G. Allen, 62, of Beaver Creek, died September 15, 1999, at Mercy Hospital, Grayling.

Mrs. Allen was born October 21, 1936, in Flint to Clare and Jennie (Trippelner) Suttcliff. She enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. She also enjoyed being around people.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clare and Jennie Suttcliff, and one brother.

Survivors include: her husband, Bob Allen of Grayling; three daughters, Jennie McFarland of Grayling, Cindy O'Connor of Grayling and Judy McDade of Eustis, Florida; five grandchildren; and one brother, Thomas (Shirley) Suttcliff of Ionia.

A memorial service was held September 21, at the Burning Bush Tabernacle with Pastor Patricia Petrie officiating.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

Louie Polgar

Louie Polgar, 79, of Grayling, died September 18, 1999, at the Meadows of Grayling.

Mr. Polgar was born November 3, 1919, in Gladwin to Joseph and Mary (Kapes) Polgar. He served in the U. S. Air Force during World War II. Mr. Polgar retired from Ford Motor Company in 1974, after 38 years of service. He moved to Grayling 12 years ago and married Frances R. Neal on May 22, 1987 at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Grayling.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include: his wife, Frances Polgar of Grayling; one brother, Julius Polgar of Lincoln Park; one stepdaughter, Sharon (Raymond) Priebe of Grayling; one step-grandson, Charlie Tinker of Grayling; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services will be in **Romulus** at a later date.

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Thomas Hall

Thomas Hall, 74, of Grayling, died September 20, 1999, at his home in Grayling.

Mr. Hall was born April 9, 1925, in Saginaw, to Thomas Leslie and Nellie Victoria (Avery) Hall. He married Shirley A. Berkoben on August 7, 1949 in Saginaw. He worked as an auto industry superintendent, carpenter, and builder. He was a former member of Bethlehem Lutheran in Saginaw and then the Mt. Hope Lutheran Church in Grayling. Mr. Hall was a member of the American Legion Post #225.

His hobbies included golfing, fishing, carpentry, traveling and hunting.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas L. and Nellie Hall, five sisters and four brothers.

Survivors include: his wife, Shirley Ann Hall of Grayling; four daughters, Cheryl (Rey) Paez of Saginaw, Vicky (Gary) Rousseau of Traverse City, Julie Hall (Mike Gorski), Tresea (Ron) Rappley; three sons, Thomas (Sharon) Hall of Grayling, Gerald (Julia) Hall of Grand Rapids, Ricky Hall of Saginaw; 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private family services were held September 20 with Reverend Larry Starke of New Life Christian Fellowship Church officiating. Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Sorenson Funeral Home, Inc., McEvers Chapel.

David L. Stinson

David Lawrence Stinson, 77, of Grayling, died September 16, 1999.

Mr. Stinson was born December 31, 1921, in Grand Rapids. He served in the Army during World War II. Formerly of Alma, he has been a Grayling resident since 1955. Mr. Stinson married Marvel Courtright July 8, 1949 in St. Louis. He sold life insurance for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company for 57 years. Mr. Stinson was active in AuSable River conservation efforts. He was a life member of the Fraternal Order of Masons and a member of Kiwanis Club. He was a former member of Alma First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Marvel Stinson of Grayling; two daughters, Nana Maher of Niles and Loree Stinson and husband Raymond Carty of Manistee; two sons, Gain (Georgann) Stinson of Oswego, Illinois and Mark (Regina) Stinson of Gaylord; nine grandchildren; one sister, Mary Jane.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, October 9 at 1 p.m. at the Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel with Ms. Mary Beth Detting, spiritual care/bereavement coordinator, Mercy Amicare Hospice, officiating. Visiting hours will be from noon until the beginning of services.

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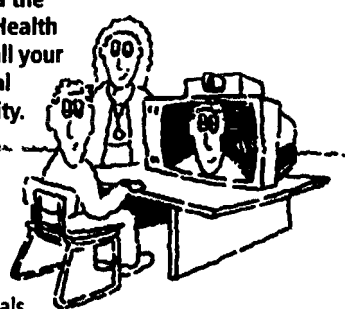
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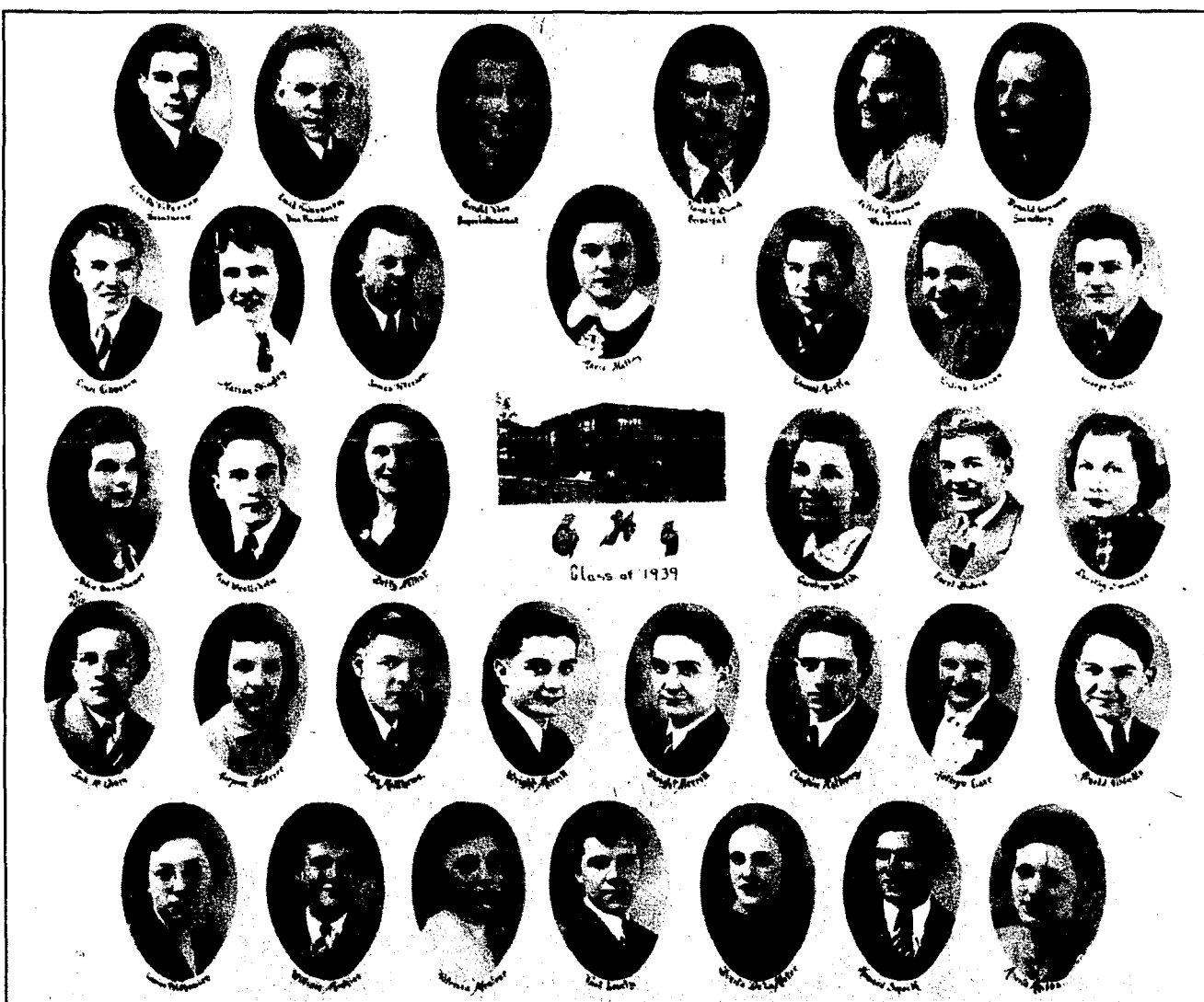
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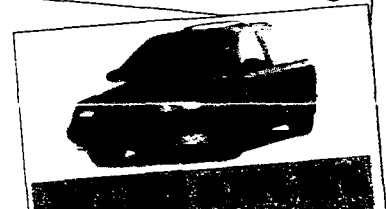
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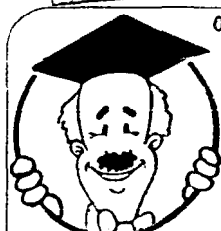
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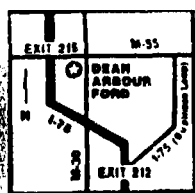
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GHS Soccer..... 2B

Vikes win homecoming game

► **GHS defense shuts out Tawas in 14-0 victory**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Viking football team was victorious last Friday in the homecoming game, beating the Tawas Braves 14-0.

The Grayling offense relied heavily on a consistent running attack, as backs Eli Tobin and Dave Golnick combined for almost 200 yards on 31 carries. Quarterback Levi Burkett passed for 104 yards (7 for 11), including a touchdown pass.

Grayling didn't get off to the best of starts, but picked up the pace later with a scoring drive just before halftime.

GHS received the opening kickoff, but a QB sack on 3rd and 8 halted Grayling's first drive.

After the punt, Tawas started on its own 26-yard line. The Braves gained yards with a couple strong runs up gut, but a pair of 5-yard Tawas penalties for illegal shift and encroachment set the Braves back. On 4th and 5 from their own 31, Tawas punted.

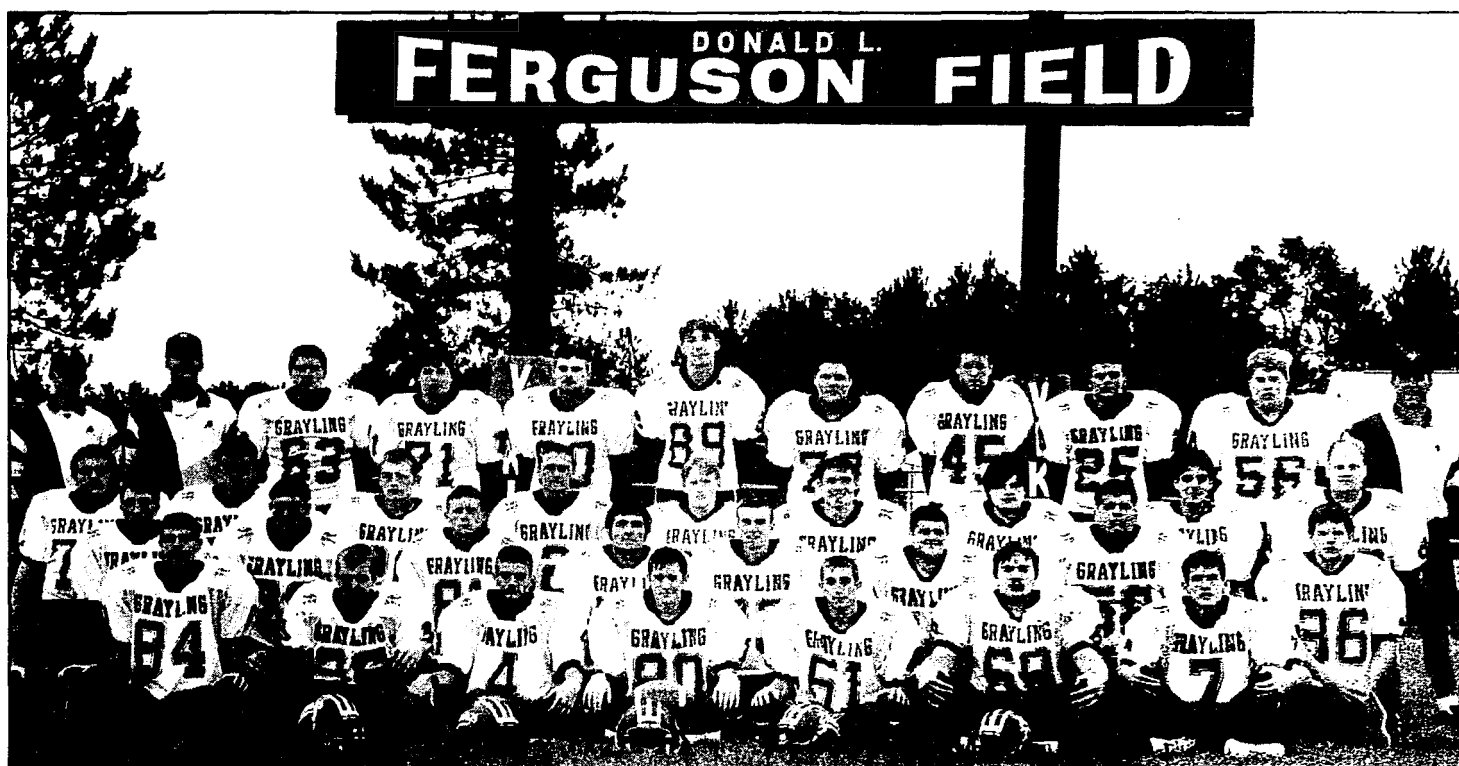
GHS gained some yardage in its next possession, but the drive resulted in another punt.

The Braves took over at their own 31. Tawas steadily moved the ball into Grayling territory, but a pair of stops on Tawas runs by the Viking defense and a QB sack by Chris Peters on 3rd and 9 ended the drive.

After the punt rolled into the endzone for a touchback, Grayling took over at its own 20. The Vikings, fueled by the big defensive stop, then drove the length of the field.

The drive gained momentum early on, as quarterback Burkett connected with receiver Jeremy Latusek on 3rd and 5 for a first down.

The Viking running game then took over. Grayling's next 12 plays



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM -- (front row, left to right) Ben Sartin, Jeremy Latusek, Ryan Mahaffy, Carter Pavey, Ray Trudgeon, Brandon Gabriel, Levi Burkett. (second row, left to right) John Herrick, Victor CdeBaca, Chris Youngblood, Chris Peters, Eli Tobin, Ken Cox, William Fairbotham, Jason Arwood. (third row, left to right) Josh Quintano, Marc Weaver, Mike D'Amour, Brad Wilson, Jason Collen, Dave Golnick, David Lamb, Matt Birk, Adam Knapp. (back row, left to right) Coach Justin Mann, Coach Doug Pummell, Nick Baynham, Mike Arwood, Allen Dickie, Joe Fritz, Sean Mitchell, Alfred Borchers, Derek Quick, Shawn Ferrigan, Coach Rodney Patterson.

were rushing plays, including a four-yard touchdown run by Golnick on 3rd and inches to cap the drive. Burkett added the extra point to give GHS a 7-0 lead.

With about a minute left in the first half, Tawas made a strong bid to answer.

After a couple runs for short yardage, Tawas completed two passes, moving the Braves up to the Grayling 47. On 3rd and 10, Tawas completed a 10-yard pass. With five seconds left in the half, Tawas' pass from the Grayling 25 was broken up by Mike D'Amour, ending the half. Grayling led 7-0.

Tawas received the second half kickoff. Grayling's defense came in fired up, holding Tawas to three-and-out.

The Vikings took over at their own 14, and put together another decent drive on the strength of

Grayling's running game. The drive ended on the Tawas 27 with an incomplete pass on 4th and 5.

Grayling recovered a fumble on the resulting Braves possession, but the Vikes couldn't take advantage of the opportunity. After the punt, Grayling's defense held strong and forced the Braves to kick.

GHS fumbled on its next drive, but the team's defense came through again, holding Tawas.

The Braves punter, kicking from his own 18, barely got the punt off following a bad snap.

Grayling, with good field position, scored its second touchdown of the night on a 24-yard pass to Latusek. Burkett kicked the point after to put the score at 14-0 in Grayling's favor with just 2:13 left in the game.

Grayling's defense didn't allow

the Braves into the red zone until their final drive of the night, which ended with an interception by Tobin to seal the shutout. GHS won 14-0.

Coach Rodney Patterson said the victory was a team effort.

"Our scout team really prepared our kids for the game," Coach Patterson said. "I was very happy with the time and effort the coaching staff put into preparing the kids. Our scouts, Larry Baynham and Tom Haskel, have done tremendous work for us all year. The scouting report they gave us for Tawas was phenomenal. We have a lot of people behind the scenes really coming through for us."

"Our quarterback Levi Burkett really matured a lot that game," Patterson continued. "He audibled about 50 percent of the plays. That's like having another coach

out on the field."

The win was Grayling's first of the year. GHS now has a 1-3 record.

"We had a meeting last week, we all sat down and talked things over," Patterson said. "We were embarrassed with the way we've been doing things. We felt like we owed it to the school and to the community to put up a better showing."

"We knew we had to play hard and play aggressive," he added. "I can't say enough about how hard our kids played, their level of enthusiasm and intensity."

Grayling will play at Saginaw Valley Lutheran this Friday, and will be at West Branch Ogemaw Heights next week.

(For more on Grayling High School's Homecoming '99, please see Page 6B.)

Varsity girls lose in OT

► **Tawas stages late comeback to force extra period, takes the win**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Varsity Girls Basketball Team lost a close one in overtime last week, as the Tawas Braves managed a late-in-the-game comeback to steal the victory.

GHS started out well, outscoring Tawas 16-6 in the first quarter. The Braves had trouble putting the ball in the basket, and Grayling didn't allow a field goal until the last seconds of the period, when Tawas hit three pointer at the buzzer.

Brandy Ritter, Kristy Hulbert, and Lori Hinkle scored points for Grayling in the opening period.

Tawas got a few back to open the second, and started an effective full court pressure defense against the Vikings. With 3:50 left in the half, the Braves took a one point lead on a pair of free throws.

Grayling finished the half with six unanswered points, including jumpers by Hinkle and Melanie Paxton and a shot inside by Andrea Elmy.

GHS led by three at halftime, 24-21.

The first few minutes of the third quarter featured several ties and lead changes. With 1:58 remaining in the third period, Paxton hit a three-pointer to put Grayling up 34-31, which started a nine-point scoring run for GHS to round out the quarter.

The Vikings led by nine going into the fourth quarter.

Paxton opened the fourth with another triple to put Grayling ahead by 12, 43-31. Tawas battled back with a couple three-pointers,

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Golf team faces strong opposition

► **Viking golfers shoot well, but outscored by NEMC squads**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

After a 2-0 start in its regular meet schedule, the GHS Golf Team has run into some tough opponents, and suffered a few losses.

On Tuesday, September 14, the team hosted Pinconning at the Grayling Country Club. Pinconning, a North East Michigan Conference squad, won the match 160-182.

"Our league is proving to be much tougher than the last few years," said Coach Herb Olson. "Pinconning shot three scores under 40, and with two of our regular varsity players out, we just couldn't handle undefeated Pinconning."

Matt Mitchell scored highest for Grayling, taking fourth place with a score of 41. Chet Wheeler (5th place) shot a 44, Kyle Roman golfed a 47, and Bob Collen finished with a score of 50.

The Vikes took on McBain at the Eldorado Country Club on September 13, which resulted in a

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BOYS GOLF TEAM -- (front row, left to right) Jensen Dreasky, Matt Cottrell, Ryan Messerschmidt, Chet Wheeler, Kyle Roman, Mike Latusek. (back row, left to right) Coach Herb Olson, Justin Schreiber, Robert Collin, Max Schreiner, Matt Mitchell, Nate Everson, Assistant Coach Ken Smith. Not pictured: Todd Gaffke.

Redskins host games



Photo by Caleb Casey

In a home game this past weekend, Grayling Redskins running back Joe Bancroft takes off with the ball. For more on the Redskins, please see Page 4B.



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GHS Soccer has a mixed week

► Vikes beat Bay City, lose to SVL and Cheboygan

The GHS boys varsity soccer team had a schedule which included three games in one week. That proved to be too much as the team went 1-2 for the week and 3-4 overall for the year.

The week started off on Monday night with a resounding win at Bay City John Glenn. Kyle Langseth started the scoring at seven minutes with an assist from Alex Letiouchev. Dave Hawkins scored 11 minutes later with an assist from Langseth. Letiouchev scored next when Langseth returned the favor with an assist. Mike Pappas made one of his two assists for the day when Langseth scored just before half to make the score 4-0.

Bay City only managed two shots on goal during the game as the GHS defense smothered the BCJG attacks.

The scoring picked up in the second half when Mike Pappas sent a corner kick in that Josh Petrie neatly headed into goal. Letiouchev and Langseth each scored once more to make the score 7-0. Mike Pappas finished off an excellent day with two scores in the last ten minutes of play. Justin Fenn and Kane Madsen had those assists. Hawkins was injured during the game and will be out for some time. At this point GHS was 3-0 in conference play and tied for the NEMC lead with

Oscoda.

On Wednesday night Saginaw Valley Lutheran came to Grayling and pulled off an upset in overtime. The GHS squad came out flat and the SVL team took advantage with scores at six, 11 and 27 minutes in the first half. GHS got on the board at the eight minute mark when Langseth beat the keeper on a long kick and knocked the ball pin to the net as the keeper tried to take him out. As the half closed the GHS team picked up the pace and started to dominate the field.

The second half was all GHS as Langseth received excellent thru balls from Letiouchev and Justin Fenn to tie the score at 3-3 with 12 minutes left in the game.

The GHS attack made several more attempts that were saved by the SVL keeper or were just wide of the mark. The GHS goalkeeper Per Lampinen had to make several quick reaction saves to keep the score tied as the SVL offense tried to make a second half score. At 19 seconds left, Langseth received a yellow card and the 10 minute send off.

The game went into two 15 minute sudden death overtime periods. GHS was controlling the tempo and the ball but an accidental handball in the penalty area led to a SVL penalty kick that was successful, ending the game at nine minutes into the first overtime period.

Hawkins and Jon Haskel were both out with injuries. Dan Mead has returned from his injury and contributed to the second half turnaround. The defense of Derek Gregorich, Madsen and Josh Brannan shut down the SVL offense for the entire second half.

The GHS conference record was 3-1 tying them with Tawas for second place. Oscoda remains undefeated in the conference. This set up the games next week as critical to the conference title.

Thursday night saw the GHS team at Cheboygan for the out of conference rematch. The CHS team was coming off a 6-3 loss to Gaylord during the week. They were primed and had prepared well for the match.

CHS controlled the game at the start scoring quickly with very effective attacks down the right side. Lampinen and the defense deflected the shots but the CHS forwards were able to knock in the deflections for scores. GHS surged in the last twenty minutes of the first half and had two goals taken back for off-side calls. The score was 2-0 at the half.

The second half was all CHS as their speed and excellent passing game were too much in the third game in four nights for GHS. CHS scored three more times in the sec-



Grayling's Derek Gregorich fights for the ball against Saginaw Valley Lutheran last week. Photos by Caleb Casey

ond half to make the final 5-0. GHS played hard until the last whistle and worked every opportunity to score. Pappas, Letiouchev and Langseth all had excellent second half scoring opportunities that were just above goal or cut short by fouls. Cheboygan has shown themselves to be the team to beat in the upcoming districts as they have defeated both Grayling and Roscommon in this young season.




(Left to right) Kane Madsen, Per Lampinen, and Derek Gregorich stop a near goal by Saginaw.



Dave Hawkins takes a throw-in for Grayling.

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Viking of the Week




Varsity Football
Coach: Rodney Patterson

OFFENSIVE LINE

Grayling's offensive line helped create holes and provide protection for the GHS rushers, who racked up over 200 yards on the ground against Tawas last Friday. Nick Baynham (pictured) took the "Big Stick" award for his hit on the opening kick-off.

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Viking of the Week



Boys Soccer
Coach: Karen Langseth

JUSTIN FENN & JOSH PETRIE

Justin Fenn (not pictured) was selected for his tremendous improvement this season. He shows no fear when faced with much larger opponents. Josh Petrie (pictured) has a tremendous work ethic on the field -- he never gives up and quietly does his job. The team relies on his defensive skills.

Golf team faces strong opposition

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162-176 McBain win. Grayling's Wheeler scored a second place finish with a 40. Mitchell took fifth with a 41. Nate Everson shot a 46, Collen a 49, Max Schreiner 51, and Roman 55.

"Another windy day, another tough opponent," Coach Olson said. McBain has set their school's record score twice this season.

Grayling traveled to Tawas Creek Country Club on Thursday, September 9, to take on the Tawas team. Tawas topped Grayling 170-181.

Mitchell and Wheeler tied for second place, as both finished with a 41. Everson golfed a 47. Schreiner scored a 52, and Roman ended the day with a 54.

"Great scores on a strange track

from Matt and Chet wasn't enough," said Coach Olson. "We had distance trouble. The course was very dry and shots ran much further than the guys are used to."

"Second best" scores from Matt and Chet will help them toward conference honors," he added.

At a home meet on Wednesday, September 8, Grayling lost to Bay City John Glenn by nine strokes, 170-161.

"The boys played very well," said Olson. "It just wasn't enough to beat a tough John Glenn team that put three scores under 40 on their card." "A highlight of the day was when rookie Mike Latusek aced hole number 11," added Olson. "The ball flew straight in the cup."

The GHS Golf Team will head to Standish on September 23.

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JV team dominates Braves

► **GHS b-ball squad finishes 40 points ahead of Tawas team**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS Junior Varsity Basketball Team dominated the Tawas Braves on both ends of the court last week, holding Tawas to 37 points and scoring an impressive 77 points in the victory at home last Thursday.

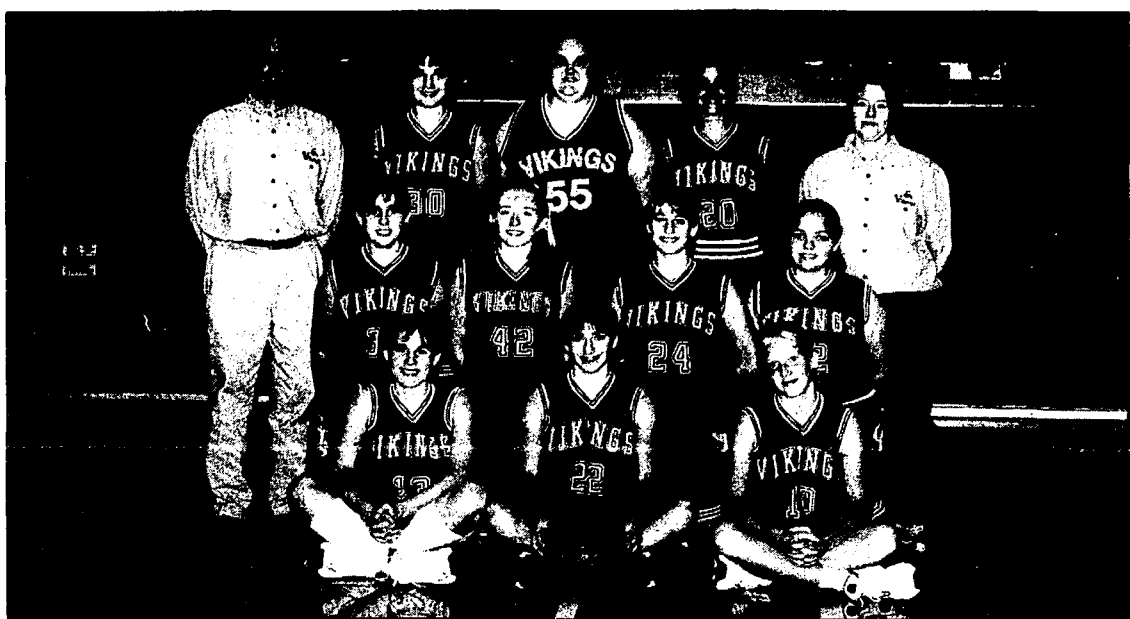
Grayling opened the game with 12 unanswered points, jumping out to a quick lead. The Viking defense didn't allow a Brave shot until the 5:23 mark, and held Tawas scoreless for the first four minutes of the match.

The Vikes had racked up a substantial lead by the end of the first quarter, as Grayling led 24-8 going into the second period.

First quarter highlights included a three-point play by freshman Tracy Parkinson, a triple by Jamie Dent, six points underneath the basket by forward Gina Thompson, and several steals by guard Emily Henion.

The Viking defense continued to frustrate Tawas in the second quarter, as Grayling held the Braves to four points in the eight minute period.

Good shooting by Grayling



JV BASKETBALL TEAM -- (front row, left to right) Jamie Dent, Kelly Jansen, Emily Henion. (middle row, left to right) Michele Elsner, Nicole Larm, Shalee Cox, Alesha Wargo. (back row, left to right) Coach Tom Trudgeon, Gina Thompson, Alexis Sumner, Tracy Parkinson, Assistant Coach Jenny Swander.

helped the Vikes build up their lead, as GHS scored 13 unanswered points to close out the half, including jumpers by Parkinson, Kelly Jansen and Michele Elsner.

GHS led 41-12 at halftime.

Relentless pressure by Grayling's defense continued to stifle the Tawas attack, and the Vikings hit the 50-point mark with 5:00 remaining in the period on a fast break by Dent, who was assisted by a long

pass from Elsner.

After a short lapse, in which Tawas outscored Grayling 8-3, the Vikings came alive again and ended the quarter with a 7-0 run, including points by Shalee Cox, Parkinson, Thompson, and Alexis Sumner.

GHS led by 38 going into the fourth quarter, 60-22.

The final quarter was by far the closest in team scoring, as GHS edged Tawas in the period 17-15.

Grayling won the game by a final score of 77-37.

All nine active Vikings scored points in the game. Four of the Grayling girls scored in double digits: Dent (20 points), Parkinson (16 points), Thompson (14 points), and Elsner (10 points).

The JV girls will play at home against Oscoda on Thursday, September 23. Game starts at 6:15 p.m.

Varsity girls lose in overtime

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driving within six.

With 1:17 left in regulation, Tawas hit another three-point shot to pull within two, 48-46.

Ritter hit one of two from the line with 1:08 left to put Grayling up three. Tawas scored a triple to tie the game at 49-49.

Hinkle drained a jumper with :38 left in the period to give Grayling a two point edge. With 20 seconds left, Tawas scored a bucket to tie the game at 51-51.

A Grayling turnover gave Tawas an opportunity with eight seconds left, but GHS picked off an errant Braves pass to get the ball back.

Ritter was fouled with three seconds left, but couldn't convert.

With the score locked at 51-51, the two teams headed into overtime.

Tawas had the momentum going into the four minute overtime period, after staging the successful comeback.

The Braves hit the first five points of the period on a jumper and a three-pointer to take a 56-51 lead.

Grayling wasn't through, however. A jump shot by Elmy and a three-pointer by Ritter pulled Grayling within one, 56-57.

With 26 seconds left, Tawas hit a pair of free throws to go back up by three.

A jumper by Ritter pulled Grayling back within one with 14 seconds left to play.

Grayling fouled, and the Braves shooter missed the first of a one and one opportunity at the line. The resulting fight for the ball ended in a tie up, and Tawas had the possession arrow.

GHS had to foul again, and the Tawas shooter hit both to put the

Braves up by three.

With just three seconds left, Grayling couldn't convert the "hail mary" shot, and after a hard-fought game, ended up on the losing end of a 61-58 score.

Ritter was the high scorer for Grayling with 23 points. Hinkle and Paxton each added nine.

The varsity girls will face Oscoda at home this on September 23.



Grayling forward Lori Hinkle drives to the basket.

GMS girls win opener

► **7th graders top Surline 25-9 to open '99 season**

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GMS 7th grade girls basketball team got off to a good start last week, beating Surline 25-9 in its season opener on Wednesday, September 15. The game was played in West Branch.

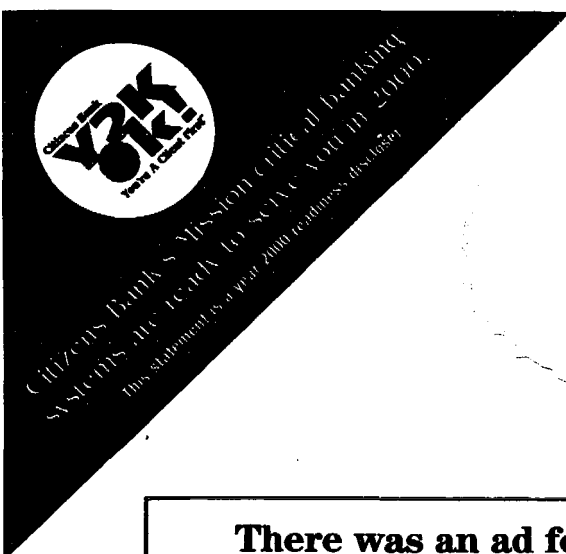
Jenny VanNuck and Hannah Hall both reached double digits, combining for 21 points against the Surline

squad. Carolyn Dobry added four points.

"Jenny and Hannah had a great game, but the contribution of Carolyn on offense and Ellie Curriston, Kelly Rogers and Samantha Palmer on defense is what gave the team a real lift," said Coach Craig Hofman.

"Rachel Greenway and Nikki Lynch did a great job throughout the game. Lynch played tough even after an injury," Hofman added.

The 7th grade team will host Kalkaska on Thursday, September 23, at 5 p.m. GMS will head to Gaylord on Monday, September 27.



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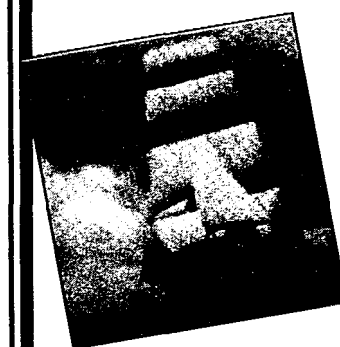
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F1 Redskins tie with Browns

► Grayling still unbeaten after late Ogemaw TD ties 'Skins

The Grayling Redskins Freshman 1 team remained undefeated tying the Ogemaw Browns 12-12 on Sunday, September 19.

It was a defensive battle in the first half.

Josh Mastej, Marvin Smith, Nathan Hannum, J.C. Schneider and Michael Barry had multiple tackles, helping to keep the game scoreless for the first two quarters.

"Neil Cook, James Walker and Patrick Belcher had good runs but couldn't cross the goal line," said Coach John Schneider.

Opening the second half, the Redskins' offense moved down the field on strong runs by Joel Wilson.

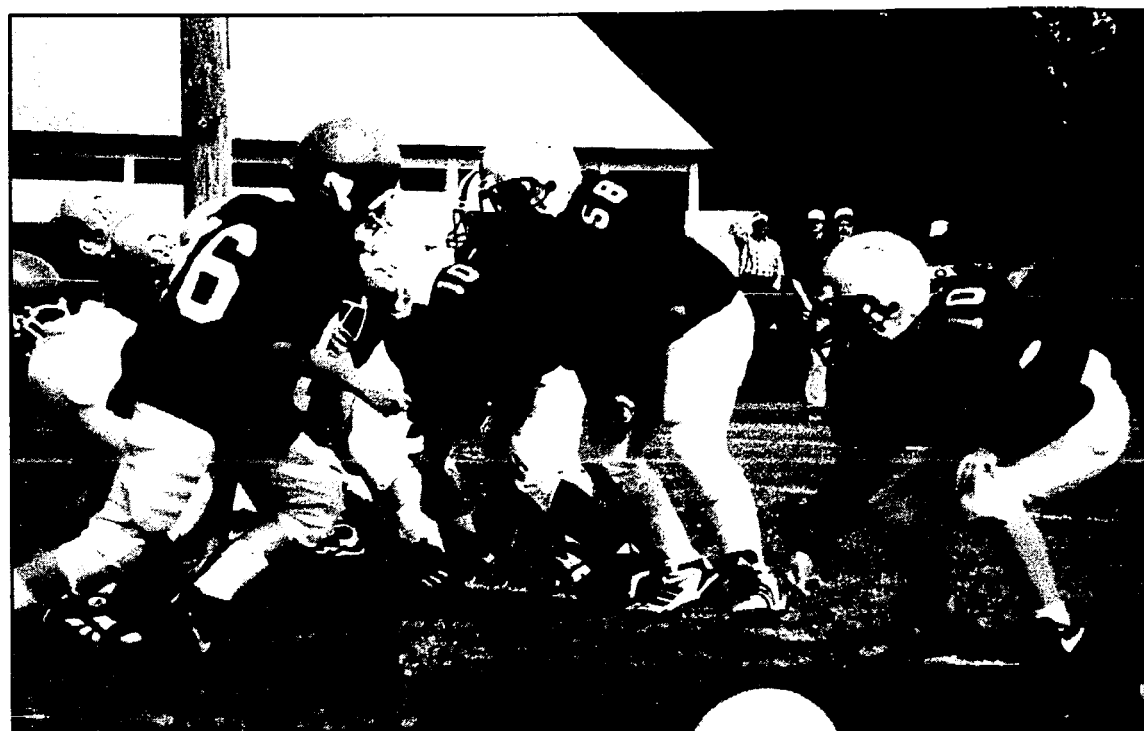
Quarterback Alan Lehman then connected with J.C. Schneider to set up a 1-yard Lehman touchdown run.

The Redskin defense stopped the Browns to get the ball back. Billy Stewart, Adam Peterson and Bobby Feutz had great blocks to spring running back Joel Wilson for a 70-yard touchdown run, making the score 12-0.

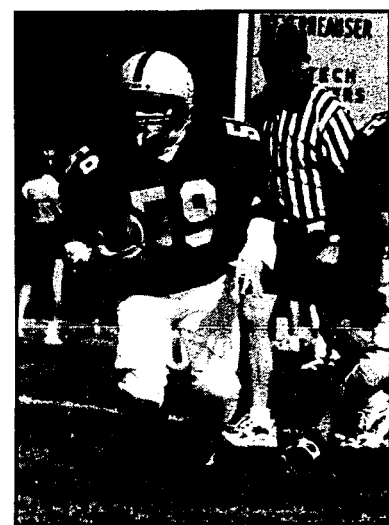
The Browns battled back, though, and later tied the game with four seconds left.

On defense, Wilson and Mitchell Freeman had five tackles each. "Hank Abney, Brendan Crowl and Kellan Quigley played very well," added Coach Schneider.

This weekend, the Redskins Freshman 1 team will play against Standish 2 at Pinconning.



(Above) The offensive line of Grayling's F1 Redskins Team lines up against Ogemaw. (Right) Joel Wilson carries the ball. (Below) Jamie Walker runs for Grayling.



Redskins F2 team wins 3rd straight

► Solid defense holds Ogemaw scoreless for first three quarters

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The "Freshman 2" Grayling Redskins team posted its third straight win (in as many games) on Sunday, September 19, with a 19-6 win at home over the Ogemaw (1) Browns.

Zac Baker scored two touchdowns for Grayling. Reagan Schmidt rushed for 65 yards, and Joe Bancroft ran for 30 yards, including a touchdown run.

"Our offense started slow, but the kids came out in the second half and picked up the intensity," said Coach Jeff Parkinson. "We had a few miscues and a few dropped passes, but the kids hung in there and were able to grind out some good quality yards when needed."

The Redskin defense held the

Browns scoreless for the first three quarters of the game before surrendering one touchdown in the fourth.

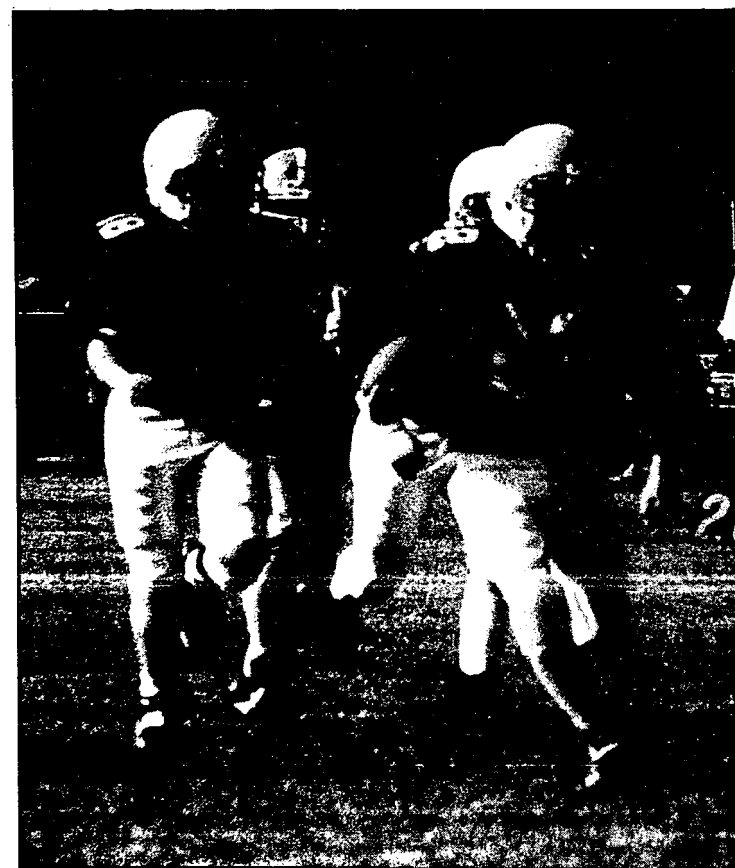
Grayling's defensive unit forced four turnovers, including interceptions by Ryan Feldhauser, Eli VanNuck and Trisha Peterson. Kevin Elkins led the team in tackles with 8, including a QB sack.

"Our defense kept us in the game," said Coach Parkinson. "Spencer Derenzy recovered a fumble and we had three interceptions. When our offense stopped in their territory, our defense stepped up and got the ball back. Everyone on defense contributed."

"Overall," Parkinson said, "we didn't execute well, but once again when we needed that extra effort, someone always comes through for us."

"Spencer Dean, our ball boy, did an excellent job on the sidelines getting us the needed water and other supplies that keep the team going," he added.

The Redskins F2 team will take on Gladwin at Pinconning this Saturday.



(Above) Redskins F2 Team running back Reagan Schmidt moves to the outside after a hand-off from quarterback Zac Baker (#88). Photos by Caleb Casey



Ryan Feldhauser pursues and sacks the Ogemaw quarterback.

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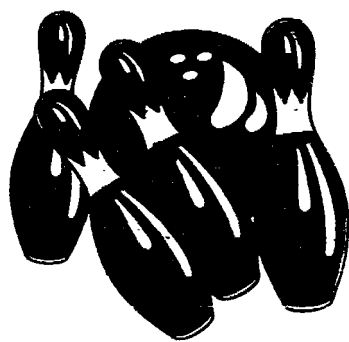


CHEERLEADERS -- (Above) The '99 Varsity Cheerleaders: (front row, left to right) Tasha Carlisle, Heather Hatfield. (middle row, left to right) Sarah Weaver, Coach Chris Burrell, Assistant Coach Larissa Deemer, Ashlee Cox. (back row, left to right) Amanda Love, Joyce Thomas, Nicole Fiset, Sarrah Fairbotham, Lindsay Knapp, Ashley Wolcott, Rachael Evon. Not pictured: Darci Trudgeon. (Right) The JV Cheer Team: (front row, left to right) Brianne Crowl, Shannon Terry. (middle row, left to right) Michele Belcher, Coach Gail Belcher, Andria Alvarez. (back row, left to right) Ashley Beemer, Patti Martella, Jennifer Millar.



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With small game season open and bow hunting season fast approaching, a lot of anglers are hanging up their rods and heading out into the woods; but, there are still plenty of good fishing opportunities out there: Fishermen have been getting some big bluegill and perch out of Lake Margrethe, try using perch minnows in about 15 feet of water. Usually walleye and pike fishing picks up this time of year, as the fish are gorging just before winter. (Info courtesy of Skip's Sport Shop.)

Tri County Meats

Viking of the Week



Boys Golf
Coach: Herb Olson
MATT MITCHELL
Senior golfer Matt Mitchell has been very consistent this season, shooting 41 in each of his last four matches.

Avalanche

Viking of the Week



Cross Country
Coach: Ron Rakoczy
KATHY WYMAN & KATHY WYMAN
Kathy Wyman and Karen Wyman each have two first place and two second place finishes in four meets this season. "They've been a real powerhouse for the girls team," their coach said. "They've been doing really well."



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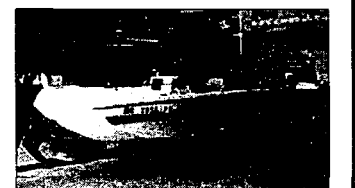
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Homecoming '99



(Above) Defensive back Brad Wilson lines up for a play in the homecoming game vs. Tawas.



(Above) The GHS band marches in the Homecoming Parade. The Grayling band also played during the game, including performing several numbers at halftime.



(Above) Grayling High School cheerleaders carry the "Homecoming" banner during Friday evening's Homecoming Parade.

Hall photo by Cheryl Ruley; All others by Caleb Casey



(Above) At halftime of the homecoming game, Matt Evon was recognized for winning his 100th career wrestling victory last season. Presenting the special medal was Evon's wrestling coach, Don Ferguson. (Left) Members of the senior class work on decorating their hallway. The seniors ended up winning the Spirit Cup this year. "Seasons" was this year's theme.



The junior class' float featured several Class of 2001 members in costumes, as well as GHS soccer player Kyle Langseth showing off his juggling skills.



Thanks a Million

WEEKLY SYNDICATED COLUMN BY PERCY ROSS

Millionaire Percy Ross is known for his philanthropic work. He offers help and encouragement for those in need. He has earned a fortune and a wealth of knowledge during his lifetime and wants to share both. His motto: "He who gives while he lives... also knows where it goes."

The Tech Head Generation In Rags To Rags

Dear Mr. Ross: Problems in River City as my dear mother used to say. School is starting and I know of 4 children who won't have the proper clothing to attend. They're my husband's nieces and nephew—came all the way from California to live with their dad. Poor little things—mother got into drugs and wild men and never paid no attention to them. Their mom and dad divorced a couple of years ago and each summer they come, they have less and less.

They usually only come for a month, but last week their mom called and told their dad to keep them—she was sick of raising them. Can you imagine? My brother-in-law makes minimum wage. He couldn't possibly begin to buy them the necessities. I don't mean to sound harsh. I'm just terribly concerned for them.

Our church has made some donations, but for things like underwear and shoes you pretty much have to buy new. Pride goes before the fall, so I thought I'd write you. Please give this newly reunited family a boost.

Mrs. S. O. ... *Trading Post, Rittman, OH*

Dear Mrs. O.: You say your nieces and nephew need the "necessities." It's 1999—how does one qualify what are the necessities? Maybe 50 years ago underwear and shoes constituted the necessities. Today it seems more like a lap top computer, cell phone and CD player. We've got a generation of tech heads coming up. I wonder if one day we can't just stay in bed and run our lives from a home based computer center.

I guess I'm old-fashioned in that I still believe clean underwear is more important than a computer chip. It has everything to do with self-esteem and modesty. Please see that your brother-in-law's children receive as much with the \$1,000 I'm sending.

Dear Mr. Percy: Our mom promised us that we would get stuff for school. I know she meant it but other things keep happening. Our car busted. And our phone got shut off. My mom has to have the phone because my little brother has asthma real bad. She has to call the ambulance sometimes because he can't breathe. He needs air conditioning too, so my mom works 2 jobs.

We are lucky to have my grandma stay with us when she is working. She helped me with this letter. I get real scared when my brother can't breathe. What we need is pants, tops and shoes. My mom can buy it if you send the money. Please and thank you if you can or if you can't.

Miss M. N. ... *Transcontinental Weeklies, Manitoba*

Dear Miss M.: It's nice to know I'm not judged by the measure of my wallet. I imagine it will seem a little like Christmas when the \$500 I'm sending arrives. It is my hope that you and your little brother begin the school year with all that you need.

Dear Readers: Across the nation, children are starting school. A year older and most likely in a higher grade than last, some of them will begin in rags for clothing. I'm not dramatizing the picture, just giving the facts.

Please do what you can when you recognize need. Pass along your children's used garments and be willing to make cash donations for undergarments and the like. Some parents fall on hard times, others make their own hard times. Regardless, children properly clothed and fed will learn in school. So you decide. What kind of generation do you want looking out for your needs when you're 75? Share the wealth now.

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LEGAL ACTION

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jo Ellen B Ventline and Edward D Ventline husband and wife (original mortgagors) to CITIZENS BANK (f/k/a Grayling State Bank, a Michigan Corporation). Mortgagee, dated March 17, 1995, and recorded on March 24, 1995, in Liber 391, on page 551, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE AND 37/100 dollars (\$26,435.37), including interest at 8.000% per annum. Adjustable rate mortgage. Interest rate may change 4/1 each year.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on October 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF BEAVER CREEK, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 3, Town 25 North, Range 3 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale.

Dated: Sept. 2, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1303
Trott & Trott P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 97054045
Ravens

-2-9-16-23-30

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Rex A Robbins, and Lynn Robbins, husband and wife, aka Lynn M Robbins (original mortgagors) to Standard Federal Bank, Mortgagee, dated June 10, 1994, and recorded on June 29, 1994, in Liber 379, on page 417, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED NINE-TY-THREE AND 78/100 dollars (\$51,393.78), including interest at 8.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on October 13, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot Numbered 18, Pinehurst Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 2, 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: Sept. 2, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1303
Trott & Trott P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990201913
Ravens

-2-9-16-23

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by JAMES W. LASLO and ROSEMARY L. REYNOLDS, as joint tenants with full rights of survivorship, whose address is 6304 W. Old Lake Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738 to THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now known as Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan 49684, the Mortgagee, dated December 1, 1993 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan on December 1, 1993 in Liber 369 of Crawford County Records on Pages 456 through 459, inclusive (and James W. Laslo having been subsequently released from personal liability under date of August 9, 1995), and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of SIXTY-EIGHT THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY AND 24/100 (\$68,830.24) DOLLARS, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front lobby of the Crawford County Courthouse located at 200 W. Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on Wednesday October 20, 1999 at 10:00 o'clock, local time, in the forenoon of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with 6.5 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit:

Lands and premises situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, and State of Michigan:

Part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 4 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, the Point of Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 13 with the centerline of Old M-93, thence North 45°36'30" East (along said road centerline), 88 feet; thence Northwesterly, 388.0 feet; thence Southerly, 336.2 feet; thence North 89°47'30" East (along the South line of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of said Section 13), 200 feet to the Point of Beginning. (Also commonly known as 6304 W. Old Lake Road, Grayling, Michigan 49738.)

The redemption period shall be six (6)

months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure contact Rural Development (formerly Farmers Home Administration), 240 West Wright Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661, telephone (517) 345-5470, facsimile (517) 345-4010.

Dated: September 1, 1999
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, Mortgagee

Robert J. Zitta (P22749)
Attorney for Mortgagee
SCHEUERLE & ZITTA
300 Washington Street
P.O. Box 212
Grand Haven, MI 49417
(616) 842-1470

-16-23-30-7

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Todd Ihke (original mortgagors) to Republic Bank dba Flagship Capital, a Florida Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 24, 1998, and recorded on September

8, 1998, in Liber 462, on page 322, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR AND 63/100 dollars (\$74,854.63), including interest at 9.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the Court Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., on October 6, 1999.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 21, Block 2, KAREN WOODS, Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 44, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 26, 1999
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:

248-593-1300
Trott & Trott P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 990505546
Hawks

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FREDERIC TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be notified the Frederic Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on September 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the township office, 7564 Co. Rd. 612 Frederic, MI 49733 to hear the following case:

Case#: ZBA 99002 Owners: Robert & Tina Drury
6217 Cindy Lane Frederic, MI 49733

Zoned: AuSable Natural River District

A request to construct a 30'x32' foot one story unattached garage on this property.

Tentative text and zoning maps may be examined at the Township Office during regular business hours.

Correspondence concerning the request should be directed to: Frederic Township P.O. Box 78, Frederic, MI 49733. Telephone (517) 348-8778

Nancy Bindschatel
Township Clerk

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Road Commission for Crawford County will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during their regular meeting), on Thursday, October 14, 1999, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648, Grayling, MI, 49738, for the following quantities of cutting edges:

(500) - 5/8" x 8" x 6' Single Bevel Through Hardened

(100) - 3/4" x 8" x 7' Single Bevel Through Hardened

Standard hold punch, M D O T specifications required: 10 1/2#/ft. after punching, C-1090 steel (minimum).

Bidders are urged to bid on various sizes and styles. Bidders are urged to quote on other types of blades, i.e., 5/8" & 3/4" thickness, other cross-sections, etc. Please bid prices delivered to the Grayling garage. Delivery within thirty (30) days unless otherwise specified. Prices shall be good for One (1) year after the date of award of bid

The Board reserves the right to add or delete quantities, to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in bidding and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

CRAWFORD COUNTY BOARD OF
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LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE SNOWPLOWING BIDS

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP will receive bids for the snowplowing of Lovells Township Hall, Fire Hall and Dump sites #1 and #2 for the 1999-2000 season until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 13, 1999 at the Township Hall offices.

Evidence of insurance must accompany all bids.

Snowplowing specifications can be obtained at the Township Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

The township board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the bid to other than low bidders, and in general to make the award in any manner deemed by it, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of Lovells Township.

Cheryl Hopp
Lovells Township Clerk

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PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of the Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, October 6, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Court room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case #PUD001-99 A request to rezone for a Planned Unit Development to be used for the following purpose: Single Family Subdivision.

Case #SU15-99 A request for Preliminary Plat Approval Petitioner: Larry V. Paxton P.E.

The above cases refer to the following described property:

Property Code: 20-050-018-001-035-01 Parcels 1 & 2
20-050-018-005-025-01 Parcel A
20-050-018-005-025-02 Parcel B
20-050-018-005-025-03 Parcel C

Parcels 1 & 2 being part of the Northeast 1/4 Section 18, T25N, R3W
Parcels A, B & C being part of the Northwest 1/4 Section 18, T25N, R3W, Beaver Creek Township, Crawford County, Michigan

All documents are available at the Crawford County Building & Zoning Department. Comments should be sent to: Building & Zoning Department, 200 W. Michigan Avenue - Annex Building, Grayling, MI 49738.

Joseph Duran - Director

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CITY OF GRAYLING REGISTRATION NOTICE

To the qualified electors of the City of Grayling

The office of the City Clerk will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday for receiving applications for registration for the regular City Election to be held on

Tuesday, November 2, 1999
and from

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on

Monday, October 4, 1999

The Last Day to Register

In order to register, an elector must have the following qualifications as of the date of election:

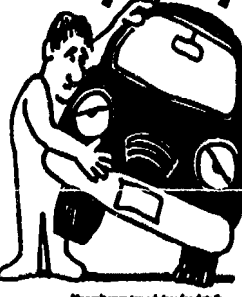
1. Be a citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age
3. A resident of Michigan for at least 30 days
4. A resident of the City by October 4, 1999

Any questions regarding your registration will be answered by calling 348-2131.

Jerry W. Morford
City Clerk
City of Grayling
103 James Street

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 5, 1999, at 8:00 PM at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8994 S. Oak Road, Grayling, MI 49738, (517) 275-8878. The Public Hearing will take place during the Regularly scheduled Beaver Creek Township Planning Commission's monthly meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM at the Township Hall.

The purpose is to hear public comment on the application for a Special Use Permit to Crawford County Zoning, by R.E. Glancy, Inc. for mining of sand & gravel on approximately 200 acres at the east end of West Seven Mile Road and Staley Lake Road.

The Beaver Creek Planning Commission will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials, being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon 7 days notice of the Beaver Creek PC.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Beaver Creek Planning Commission by writing or calling: Sharon K. Hartman at the above address and phone number.

Sharon K. Hartman
Secretary Planning Commission

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ATTENTION GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

REFUSE COMPACTOR/RECYCLING
PERMITS FOR 2000 WILL GO
ON SALE OCTOBER 1, 1999

**If you purchase your permit before
January 1, 2000, the cost will be
\$25. Beginning January 1, the price
will be \$35.**

Purchase your permit, beginning October 1, 1999, at the Grayling Township Office located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. Mail requests are welcome.

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FEATURES

HOROSCOPES

For The Week Of September 26-October 2

Aries
March 21-April 20
A friend or family member can help you achieve a long-desired goal. Keep thinking and planning for the future. Work to stay on course. An out-of-town trip or travel could be just around the corner. A romantic interlude recharges you.

Taurus
April 21-May 21
You'll overcome mental and physical challenges to make a big impact on those in charge. Stay calm to get the best results. Throw caution to the wind at home and do something a little wild and outrageous. Indulge a little in a favorite food, but know when to stop.

Gemini
May 22-June 21
Take responsibility for your own actions, but refuse to get drawn into a blame game with others. The good things you have done for others will come back to benefit you. Take care of a health concern before it turns into something serious.

Cancer
June 22-July 22
Your power and appeal to others are at a peak. Know what you want and go after it—chances of getting it are good. People will be impressed by your ideas and enthusiasm. A business discussion pays off. Take time for rest and relaxation.

Leo
July 23-August 23
You're stuck with more than your share of the work, but things will work out and you'll finish on top. Keep your confidence up and don't be discouraged. Encouragement comes from an unexpected source.

Virgo
August 24-September 22
Get advice from others but make the final decision on your own. Others see you as an island of calm in a sea of uncertainty. You may not appreciate that, but you will feel better supporting and encouraging others. Make time for activities with friends or family.

Libra
September 23-October 23
Finish what you begin. Refuse to be discouraged. A project or task that doesn't turn out can be a useful stepping-stone to bigger and better things. Planning ahead can make an outing more enjoyable. You may need to be a peacemaker at home or work.

Scorpio
October 24-November 22
Projects and plans may be at a standstill, but it could be the calm before the storm. Keep a sense of humor to get through it. A friend or relative is full of pleasant surprises and their skills may be just what you need. Keep an eye on budgets.

Sagittarius
November 23-December 21
You may experience a time when social and business events overlap. A friendship may be stretched a little but it will survive. Someone who seems on the sidelines is actually working on your behalf. Be patient and let situations unfold.

Capricorn
December 22-January 20
Tackle a difficult task you've been putting off. It will be easier than you think. Talking over your hopes and fears with friends and family is a good way of staying focused. Money matters may be troubling you, but things will rebound in your favor.

Aquarius
January 21-February 18
Keep up-to-date with appointments and obligations. You may be caught in the middle both at home and at work. Stay neutral and serve as a peacemaker to bring people together. You may soon get away for a relaxing time with friends or family.

Pisces
February 19-March 20
Pressures are starting to build. You sometimes feel others expect too much. Don't be afraid of calling for assistance. You don't have to carry the whole burden, at home or at work. Keep your plans confidential for best results.

For Entertainment Purposes Only

RECIPES OF THE WEEK

Fruited Chicken Salad

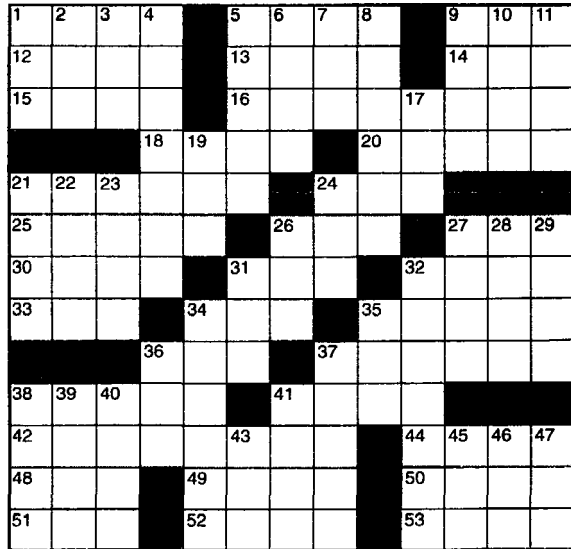
3 5-ounce cans
chunk-style chicken,
drained and flaked
1 6-ounce package
mixed dried fruit bits
1/3 cup broken
pecans, walnuts or
slivered almonds
1/3 cup mayonnaise
or salad dressing
1/3 cup lemon or
pineapple lowfat
yogurt
Lettuce leaves or
lettuce cups

If chilling the salad ahead of time, stir in 1 to 2 tablespoons milk, as necessary. For a variation: For fruited chicken salad croissants, split and butter 4 croissants and use mixture as a sandwich filling. Or, put filling on raisin or sourdough bread. In a medium bowl, stir together chicken, dried fruit and nuts. In a small bowl, stir together mayonnaise or salad dressing and yogurt until combined. Add dressing to salad mixture; toss. Serve on lettuce leaves or pile into lettuce cups. Makes 4 servings.



HOME NEEDED - Benji is a 1 and a half year neutered male terrier. He's housebroken and has all his shots. To adopt any of the pets available, stop by or give the Animal Shelter of Crawford County a call at 348-4117.

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- Hawkeye's home
- Snack for a tactless one?
- Form notches
- Pequod protagonist
- Well-off
- Springsteen's birthplace
- No part
- Hidden
- Hard journey
- Legal claims
- Like some Parmesan
- Diamond judge
- Great lover
- Carinae (seventh-magnitude star)
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- Mariner's dir.
- Befog
- Ostracize
- Strong ale
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- Fire one troupe and hire another
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- Bowery bum
- Issues forth
- It's a "grand old name"
- Marsh
- Ankara resident
- Jacob's twin
- Disapproving sound
- Spouses of yore
- Noah's son

DOWN

- Anderson of Jethro Tull
- Cry of triumph
- Pasty
- Encouraged misdeeds
- Prepared tempura
- Farm sound
- Halloween mo.
- Actress Ritter
- Actress Havoc
- Straight _____ arrow (2 wds.)
- Girls, slangily
- Tombstone letters
- Speedwagon
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- Count (on)
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- Sound of a happy consumer

ANSWERS IN CLASSIFIEDS

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago

September 23, 1976

The Vikings gave new head football coach Bill Klinger his first victory with a win over the Roscommon Bucks 26-7. The team now has a 1-1 record.

The St. Francis Episcopal Church is sponsoring three year old Suman Manjiri, from India as part of the Save the Children Federation.

The Crawford County Library receives \$700 from the Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek. The grant is to be used to "utilize existing informational networking to improve services for all Michigan library patrons."

The AuSable Emergency Radio Team was presented a plaque by the city council for its assistance with emergency aid and its help in special events.

Dorothy R. Stockbridge was named executive director of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Gloria Kraus was elected to the Presidency of the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce. Others elected are: First Vice-President - Bill Bonkowski; Second Vice-President - Ron Fraser; Secretary-Treasurer - Joe Wakeley.

Cadet Mark D. Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. David B. Hanson of Grayling, recently attended summer training at Camp Buckner of the reservation of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York. He is a third classman (sophomore) at the Military Academy.

Miss Linda Hummel, a Grayling native has been named the new Extension Home Economist for Wexford-Missaukee counties.

Miss Nancy Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hanson, graduated from Michigan State University with honors. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Sciences and plans to enter medical school.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bishaw returned from a trip to Provo, Utah to visit their daughter Suzanne and her husband John Wildie. In Salt Lake City they heard the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and were among the live audience seeing it telecast by CBS.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fick and Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morningstar returned home from a trip around Lake Superior.

46 Years Ago

September 24, 1953

Mrs. Robert Dyer of Lake Margrethe has an impatient Easter Lily. It's in bloom.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry McEvers have returned to Grayling from Selfridge Field, the former having been honorably discharged from service. Returning from Korea a year ago, Jerry had been stationed at Selfridge Field. They are making plans to build a home at Lake Margrethe, where they will reside.

Jerry Joe Smock, who attends watch repair school in Elgin, Illinois, arrived home Thursday and spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Liland Smock.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sorenson spent the weekend in Detroit and attended the Cleveland - Detroit double header on Sunday.

69 Years Ago

September 25, 1930

Supervisor Frank Barnett and other members of the Grayling Township Board are proud over the new bridge across the AuSable River, replacing the old Wakeley bridge. It was built at a cost of \$1,500.

The old Grayling friends of Emil Hanson will be pleased to learn that he has received another promotion, and is now chief in the office of Asst. Mgr. McKee of N.Y.C. lines in

Detroit. He started as clerk in the trainmaster's office in Grayling.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hewitt are happy over the arrival of a daughter Monday at Mercy Hospital. Five girls will be lots of help for mother, but where does help for Daddy come in?

Emerson Brown left Wednesday for Standish to play with Ange Lorenzo's Orchestra at the Arenac County Fair. From there he will go to Ann Arbor where he will enter U. of M. for another year of study.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McEvers on the 11th, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Robarge on the 22nd, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lovely, a son on September 24.

No they had not forgotten, for about 40 neighbors and friends from Grayling went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Wakeley Jr. (Mary T. Vance) last evening and gave them an old fashioned shiva-ree. The Wakeleys were married a couple of months ago but just settled down to housekeeping in the Barnett cottage on the river.

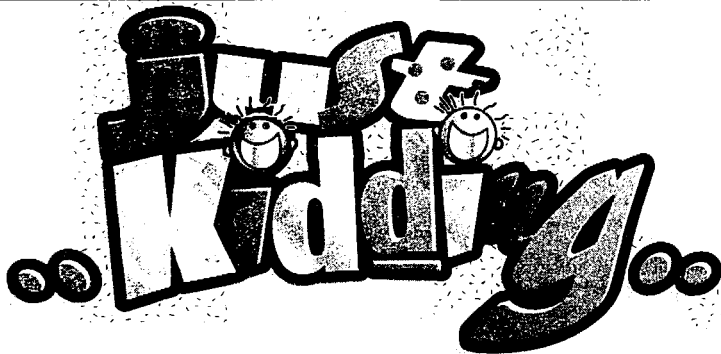
92 Years Ago

September 26, 1907

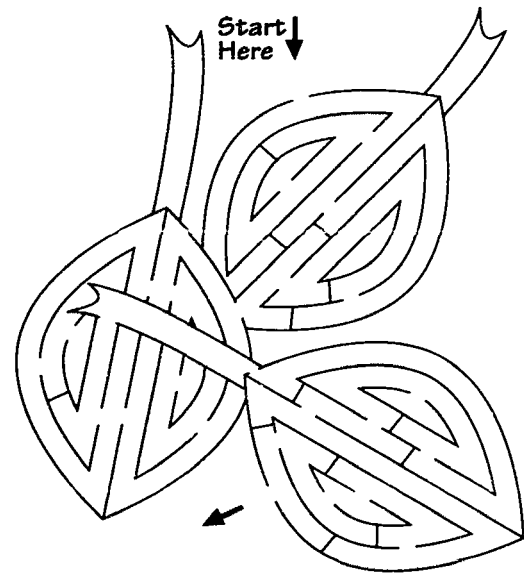
Crawford County was well represented at the Soldiers and Sailors reunion at Gladwin last week by R. P. Forbes, Delevan Smith, J.F. Wilcox and their wives; Thos. KeChittigo, C.B. Johnson, E. Alger. James Carr, D.S. Waldron, A.C. Wilcox, H. Head, Mrs. Joseph Burton and Mrs. H.H. Merriman.

Willie Fischer has entered the M.A.C. He will take the mechanical course. Benj. Jerome has returned to his classes also at M.A.C. after a pleasant vacation rest.

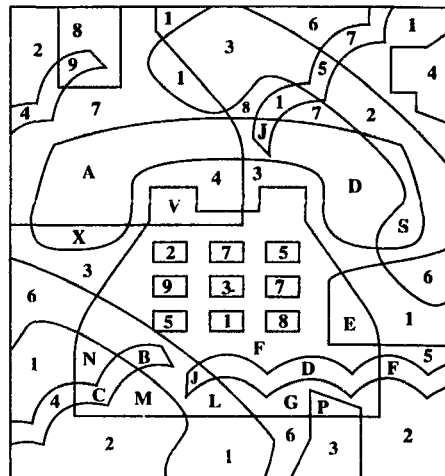
The last two weeks have been as disagreeable as a rare-bit dream. Wind, cold and rain following quick succession, with little sunshine.



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WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

| Date | H | L | 8 a.m. | Rainfall |
|------|----|----|--------|----------|
| 9/14 | 63 | 34 | 44 | 0.02" |
| 9/15 | 62 | 34 | 36 | |
| 9/16 | 66 | 36 | 37 | |
| 9/17 | 68 | 33 | 37 | |
| 9/18 | 73 | 34 | 38 | |
| 9/19 | 78 | 38 | 50 | 0.25" |
| 9/20 | 55 | 31 | 32 | 0.05" |

Extended Forecast courtesy of the U.S. Weather Service in Gaylord:
Wednesday - partly sunny and warmer, with high in the low to mid 60's.
Thursday - dry, with a low of 40 - 45 and a high in the mid to upper 60's.
Friday - dry, with a low in the mid 30's to low 40's and a high around 70.
Saturday - dry, with a low in the low to mid 40's and high in the low to mid 70's.

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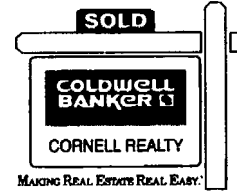
MAXI STORAGE 80 ft x 24 ft five bay building with 12 ft x 10 ft overhead doors with electric. Rent all or will divide. 3464 North Down River Rd. (517) 348-4486 (LR9/23/99/2)

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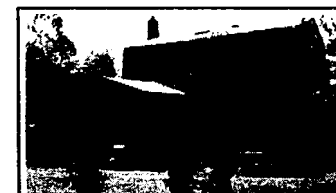
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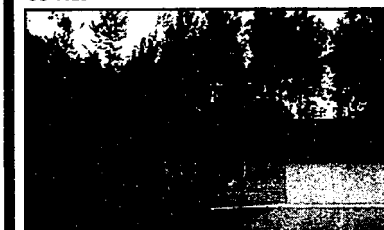
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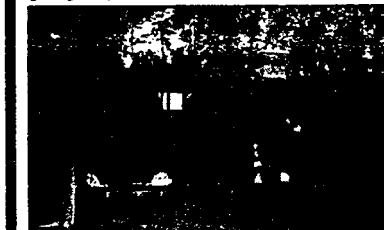
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VERY WELL MAINTAINED HOME ON 2.5 ACRES. This home is your ticket to paradise, with a garage big enough for all your toys, the fun starts! The cozy 2 bedroom was remodelled 2 years ago. The open living room, dining room and kitchen complement the property's natural setting. The home is set back enough for privacy yet centrally located between Roscommon, Grayling and Houghton Lake. \$63,000 CS-1020



CUSTOM NEW RANCH HOME on 1.4 acres nestled amongst mature red & white pines and adjoins White Pine Park. 1,104 sq. ft., 3 bedroom, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling, ceramic tiled baths, hardwood flooring, Berber carpeting and custom insulated doors. Near state land, snowmobile trail and Hartwick Pines State Forest. AuSable Woods Association \$150.00 annually includes pool, club house, river access, snow plowing and garbage drop. Reduced \$89,900 CH-1024



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M-72 EAST on 5 wooded acres with close access to AuSable River & State Land. 2 bedroom home with wood stove and fireplace plus a 20x20 garage & a 10x14 workshop \$62,900 (DL-1287)



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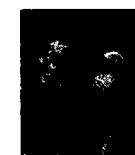
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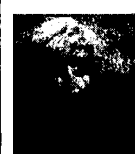
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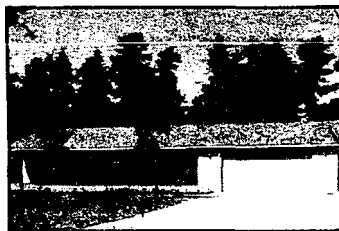
Very clean home with unfinished addition. Situated on a beautifully wooded 5 acre parcel with a nice sized yard. Home is located on a county maintained road. Home offers hardwood floors throughout most of the home. Perfect as a "fixer upper" that can also be lived in while the addition is completed. #4494 \$64,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!



Fantastic House offers so many extras! Decks, porches, foyer, parlor, pantry and cedar lined closets start the list. Home also offers a new garage, new roof, new furnace, a 24x24 barn (for all your toys), and a hot tub in the ceramic tiled master bath is the "icing on the cake!" #4490 \$118,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!



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Very attractive home located in Manistee River Woods adjoins a private park. The subdivision also has a private park on the Manistee River just a few minutes walk away. Home features insulated interior walls, 2x6 construction & much more. For private showings by appointment. (Listing agent must be present at all showings.) #4489 \$96,000 Ask for Bob Pollack!



This lively 4 bedroom Ranch home is setting on 5 acres on the corner of 5 mile and Oak Roads. It has a full master bath, oak kitchen cabinets, brass lighting fixtures, a very nice snack bar between the kitchen and dining room. A french door wall leading out onto a deck in the back yard, a large garage with work shop. This home is just minutes from Grayling, Lake Margerthe, Higgins Lake and Fox Run Golf Course. #4465 \$89,900 Ask for John Kuszak



Spotless mobile with many extras on acreage. Many extras include floor reinforced beneath wood burner, new furnace 6 years ago, 80' deep 2' submersible pump, outbuildings, pride of ownership throughout! Includes stove & refrigerator. The washer & dryer and freezer are negotiable as is the cut firewood. #4487 \$61,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!

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OAK FIRE WOOD \$30 face cord. 517-348-2039 (-23-30/5)

6. Wanted

REWARD Blue Acadia Kayak, antique cross country skis. (517) 344-6809 (-23-30/6)

WANTED PRE 1978 Bear Archery bows, equipment, catalogs, brochures, etc. Call Pete Kocelas (517) 348-8627. (8/12/99t/6)

7. Miscellaneous

REWARD Small black cat, short tail. Karen Woods subdivision, last seen 9/18. 6112 Libby. 517-348-8737 (-23/7)

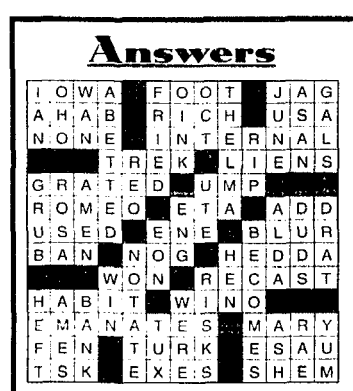
LOST BLACK "BASS" LEATHER women's wallet. Thurs., Sept. 16, inside Grayling K-Mart. Please call 517-343-0949 or return to Grayling K-Mart store. Contents important to me, losing sleep over the ordeal. (-23/7)

MISSING DOG Lost over by Roberts Road. Medium size dog. Looks like a golden lab. Please call 517-348-2488, there's a \$20 reward if found. (-23/7)

8. Announcements

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY Craft Show October 2 at American Legion Auxiliary Hall, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (-2-9-16-23/8)

YOUTH, BROADEN YOUR HORIZON, learn the Performing Arts. Classes in drama, ballet, jazz, lyrical and vocal. Also "Fitness for Fun", a new exercise class just for kids. Instruction by Dance Attitude Studio. Classes begin October 5th at the CRAF Center in Rosecommon. Call 517-348-2473 for registration or placement. (-23/8)



8. Announcements

SPEAKEASY SALOON Live entertainment Tuesday thru Saturday bands playing - Sept. 15-18th Denny Lane, Sept. 22-25th Gotham City. (-16-23/8)

HARD BODYZ Health and Fitness, 30 day shape-up program. Single \$99, Couple \$129. 2323 Dupont St. in the Industrial Park way. 517-348-7199 (-23-30-7/8)

LOOKING FOR BO. a black and white and gray Shitzu. He has been missing since Aug. 16th. Has to have special food and IV's. He is very much loved and missed. If you have any information on the whereabouts of him or if you know what might have happened, please contact. There is a two hundred dollar reward, please call 517-348-1041. 517-348-6327. 517-348-4124. Thank you. (-23/8)

HALF PRICE TAXI SERVICE for seniors and students. October 1, 1999 thru May 1, 2000. Call 517-344-TAXI. (-23/30/8)

CRAFTERS WANTED for the Fifth Annual ROOC Arts and Craft Show. To be held November 20, 1999, at top of Pioneer Hill, Rosecommon. For an application call 517-275-5137, ext. 260. (-23/8)

WEDNESDAY NIGHT is Steak Night at The Sawmill from 4-9 for \$4.99. (5/27/99t/8)

STEVEN D and the Key's will be playing at the Sawmill Thurs. Sept. 30, 8-midnight. (-16-23-30/8)

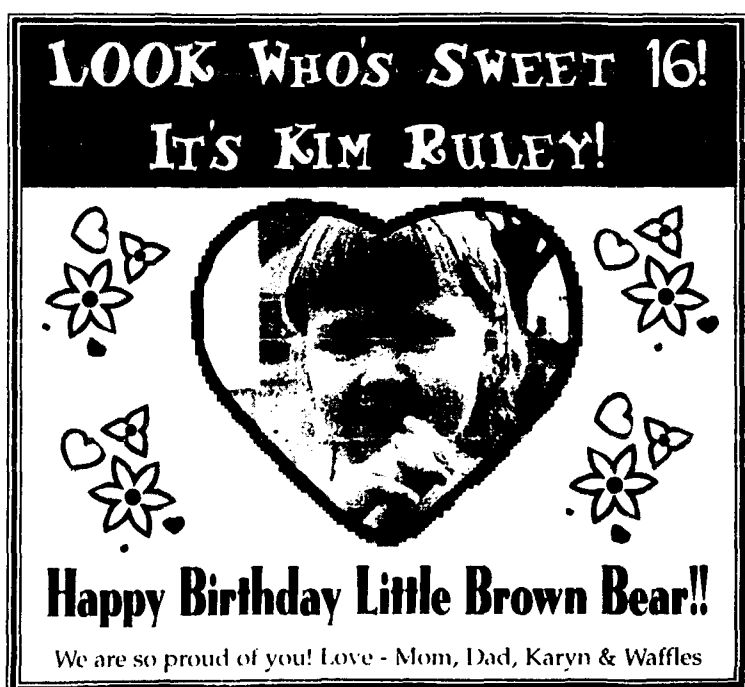
COME EARLY TO SPIKE'S Friday night fish fry. Serving from 4 - 10 p.m. All you can eat just \$6.95. Kids portion also available. (7/30/98t/8)

THE GOSPEL CHOIR from Flint will perform at the St. Francis Episcopal Church, at the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, September 26. The choir will celebrate their ministry through their gift of music and everyone is invited to attend. St. Francis Episcopal Church is located at 6441 West M-72, just west of Grayling. (-23/8)

CHOICE WEST MICHIGAN APPLES Will be available at Wellington Farm Park, beginning September 25. Oat Threshing at 2 p.m., Saturday, September 25. Military Road between 4 and 5 Mile. (-23/8)

9. Personals

MARY You gotta buy the video like and Tina Turner, also Blue Lagoon, both are mesmerizing. Also the Prince of Egypt. R.S., I'm sorry about the tears. M.R. (-23/9)



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JANICE. The First Anniversary Gift is supposed to be paper. This is it. I love you! Bob (-23/9)

MY FRIEND Don't say adios. Lone Ranger - Happy Birthday. Honey let's have a "Happy Jack" dinner at the Frederic Inn. I hear the food is good. Country memories: Play Silver Threads and Golden Needles, and a Patsy Cline tune. Mr. Jones let's get together. Ms. Smith. (-23/9)

10. Garage Sales

BACKYARD SALE 9 a.m. 7 p.m. 6647 Nottingham. Sept. 24, 25 and 26. Weights and bench, snow blower, microwave, crib, baby items, toys bikes, Legos set, kids books, winter coats, snow pants, clothes assorted sizes, a lot more, free stuff too! (-23/10)

EAST M-72 Sandy Trail, Thurs. thru Sat., 9-4. Something for everyone. (-23/10)

2141 DANISH LANDING Fri. and Sat., 9 am. - 5 p.m. (-23/10)

CLASS YARD SALE Saturday, September 25, 9-2. Grayling Elementary parking lot. Help us raise money for our class trip! (-23/10)

JUST MOVED 212 Wakeley Bridge Rd. Four miles north off M-72 East or N. Down River Rd., ten miles, turn right, second house. Sept. 24 and 25, 9-6. Air conditioner, dresser, antique bumper pool table, phone stand, etc....(-23/10)

A LITTLE LATE. but still great! Lots of kids to adult clothing, toys, books, bikes, and miscellaneous. Rain or shine. M-72 East toward Mio, about one mile from Burg or King, follow the signs. (-23/10)

GARAGE SALE Rain or shine. Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Antiques, household and more. 3979 Beaver Island off North Down just past I-75. (-23/10)

GRAYLING MOOSE LODGE Rummage and Bake Sale. September 16, 17 and 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., rain or shine. (-16-23/10)



9. Personals



11. Automotive

CAR FOR PARTS 1982 Buick LaSabre body in good shape. GM rebuilt transmission has only 15,000 miles. Engine blown. Many other parts good. New exhaust. \$300 or best offer. (517) 348-1429 after 5 p.m. (8/5/99t/11)

1992 NISSAN 4 x 4 pickup. New tires, top, tune-up, runs great, good condition. \$3,900. 517-348-5718 (9/9/99t/11)

1992 CHEV SW 305-V-8 \$250 Needs repair. (517) 348-2891 between 6-9 p.m. (-16-23/11)

1987 TAURUS Engine runs great, new tires, needs transmission, work evenings after 6 p.m. 517-348-7539 (-23/11)

'84 BLAZER SILVERADO with Western snow plow, automatic v-8, very good condition. Call for details. \$4,500 or best offer. (517) 348-7263 (-16-23/11)

FOR SALE 1989 black Corvette with two tops, 48,000 miles. May need some black paint. Can be seen at 3828 W. Co. Rd. 612, 1.8 east of expressway. 517-348-8098 (-23/11)

1992 SUBURU LEGACY Power locks, windows, brakes and steering. Five-speed transmission, air conditioning. AM/FM cassette. 111,000 miles. \$4,400 (517) 348-4304 (4/1/99t/11)

1990 GMC SUBURBAN four wheel drive, power steering/power brakes, A/C, cruise control, luggage rack, heavy duty trailer package, new tires, low mileage, many extras. Looks and drives like new. (517) 348-5282 (-23-30/11)

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